

MEDIA ALERT | 13 March 2008**SPY HOP PRODUCTIONS' 2008 ANNUAL BENEFIT:
BEHIND THE SCENES**

WHAT: Spy Hop Productions' 2008 Annual Benefit will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center in The Jeanné Wagner Theatre from 6:30–9:30 PM. **Doug Fabrizio**, Producer and Host of KUER's *RadioWest* program will be the evening's Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer.

This year's event is the singular opportunity to help support Utah's local youth community *and* give back to Spy Hop Productions' four core programs – the **Pitch-Nic Young Writer and Director Program**, the **Youth Documentary Arts Program (YDAP)**, the **Media Apprenticeship Program (MAP)**, and **Loud & Clear Youth Radio**.

The evening begins on stage where guests will visit program booths, meet and interact with students, then take their seats for a live performance and presentation of Spy Hop's best work. Guests are encouraged to enjoy festive food and libations. Immediately following the presentation is Spy Hop's one-of-a-kind Auction led by Doug Fabrizio.

The auction itself is an entirely unconventional and enjoyable experience in that line items are all intangibles: a Documentary Arts scholarship for a potential student; "Executive Producer" credits on a Pitch-Nic film; or, underwriting for a radio program, to name a few. There is no limit to how much or what a person can bid on, and all of the money raised goes to supporting the programs and services Spy Hop Productions provides our youth and community. Come enjoy Spy Hop Productions, and be a part of positive youth development in Utah!

WHEN: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008 – Program begins @ 6:30 PM** (Event hours: 6:30–9:30PM)

WHERE: **Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center | The Jeanné Wagner Theatre**
138 West Broadway (300 South) | Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1913 | (801) 355-2787

WHO: Master of Ceremonies and award-winning journalist, Doug Fabrizio, joins Spy Hop Productions to promote positive youth development in Salt Lake City. Doug Fabrizio has been reporting for KUER since 1987, and became News Director in 1993. He is host and executive producer of *RadioWest* on KUER 90.9 FM, and of the television broadcast *Utah Now* on KUED Channel 7. Students from Spy Hop's four core programs will meet and greet the general public and display their work along with Spy Hop staff, board members and alumni. Hear their stories, watch their films, and help continue to make Spy Hop's students dreams become reality.

*Spy Hop Productions is not-for-profit youth media arts and education center whose **purpose** is to empower youth to express their voice and with it created positive change in their lives, their community, and the world. Our **mission** is to encourage free expression, self-discovery, critical and inventive thinking, and skilled participation via the big screen, the airwaves, and the world-wide-web.*

HOW: **General Admission is \$50/seat pre-paid registration and \$60/seat at the door. VIP reserved seating is \$75/seats sold in blocks of 6 reserved seats, \$450.** To RSVP/register contact John Boyack at (801) 532-7500 or john@spyhop.org, or visit <http://www.spyhop.org/events/events.html> for online registration. Please RSVP by April 9th, 2008 at 5:00 PM.

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