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## News Release - Two Nonprofits Create New Downtown Dinner Theatre

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## Two Indiana Nonprofits Join Forces to Create New Downtown Indianapolis Entertainment and Dining Option

*Partnership includes more than \$100,000 in investments*

INDIANAPOLIS – Two independent Indiana nonprofits are announcing an exciting new partnership to create the Downtown Dinner Theatre in the historic Murat Shrine Center (formerly Murat Shrine Temple) in Indianapolis. The Murat Shrine of Indiana and On-Stage LIVE! Entertainment will launch their first Downtown Dinner Theatre experience and musical revue production shows in May.

“This partnership of two philanthropic organizations to celebrate the arts is a win-win-win,” said Murat Shrine Potentate Scott Roberts. “This move is re-energizing for both organizations, which are focused on fellowship and community. It will broaden the exposure of Murat Shrine and On-Stage LIVE! Entertainment to attract new audiences to help us both grow. It’s also a win for the city, which gains a new dining and performing arts entertainment option for residents, visitors and conventioneers.”

The partnership will include more than \$100,000 in upcoming facility improvements to the Murat Shrine Center’s Arabian Room including new stage draperies, stage lighting, sound system, tech booth, patron seating, signage and more. These new improvements continue to build on a renovation the Murat Shrine undertook during the Covid pandemic to renovate the first floor, The Oasis Restaurant & Bar, and Tunisian Room in hopes of finding a partnership like the one formed with On-Stage LIVE! Entertainment.

Patrons to the Downtown Dinner Theatre will enter through the entrance on the north side of the Murat Shrine Center facing North Street, not the Old National side facing New Jersey Street. They will then be treated to a three-course dinner by Grafton Peek Catering in the Oasis Restaurant & Bar and Tunisian Room. Once dinner is finished, attendees will move to the Arabian Room with reserved seating for a vibrant musical revue production show. The venue can seat up to 180 people per show. Despite the Dinner Theatre name, there will also be lunch and brunch shows offered.

“This partnership is a tremendous opportunity and fills a void since there are no other dinner theatres in downtown Indianapolis,” said On-Stage LIVE! Entertainment Board President Jolyn Parker. “The Murat provides a fabulous, beautiful, landmark venue for creative, professional programming. After the show, patrons can stay in the area to experience all that the Mass Ave District has to offer.”

The Downtown Dinner Theatre also boasts affordable, all-inclusive pricing. Dinner and Brunch tickets are \$80 per adult and \$70 for seniors. Lunch tickets are \$70 per adult and \$60 per senior. Teen, Junior, Veteran, Shriner, Mason, and Scottish Rite tickets are also available for a reduced rate. Dinner ticket prices include salad, entrée,

sides, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea, server gratuity, two-hour production show, box office fees, and applicable state sales tax. Soft drinks, beer, wine, and cocktails are available for purchase.

The first musical revue production will be *Imagination*, featuring songs about bringing dreams to life. It opens May 2 and runs through May 18. The Downtown Dinner Theatre is expected to have a six-show series during 2025. Tickets are now available online at [www.downtowndt.com](http://www.downtowndt.com) or by calling the Box Office at 317-635-2433, Ext 190.

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### **About The Murat Shrine of Indiana**

The Murat Shrine of Indiana, a fraternal organization dedicated to supporting Shriners Children's hospitals and charitable causes, was founded in 1884. The organization is headquartered in the heart of Indianapolis, Indiana, in the Murat Shrine Center (formerly Murat Shrine Temple), a historic landmark which serves as a vibrant hub for community events, philanthropic activities, and giving back. The center's iconic Moorish-inspired architecture boasts versatile event spaces including the renowned Arabian Room, Corinthian Room, Tunisian Room, and Oasis Restaurant & Bar. The Murat Shrine is home to the Downtown Dinner Theatre and serves as host for large social events, bands, weddings, entertainment, and cultural events year-round.

### **About On-Stage LIVE! Entertainment**

On-Stage LIVE! Entertainment (OSLE) is an Indiana-based, 501C-3 nonprofit performing arts organization. Mission: Educate | Entertain | Employ. The organization provides professional, career building opportunities and education for aspiring artistic talent, on and off stage, and enriches the lives of ALL patrons by producing "All Kinds of Shows for All Kinds of People."

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