



Sun-Times News Group Acquires CenterstageChicago.com

Chicago, IL, August 2, 2006 – The Sun-Times News Group, the leader in local news and information in Chicago, has acquired Chicago's best online city guide, CenterstageChicago.com. The acquisition is part of the Company's strategy to make Suntimes.com the premier online destination for all there is to know and do in the greater Chicago area.

Fred Lebolt, vice president of new media for the Sun-Times News Group, said, "Centerstage Chicago was ahead of its time in creating an online city guide, and its user-written reviews and other information make it truly an authentic online resource for the area. At the Sun-Times News Group, our goal is to provide all the information residents of our area want and need to live their lives. We are delighted that CenterstageChicago and the voices of Chicagoans will be part of the content we provide for visitors to our site, and that this acquisition will support enhanced opportunities for our advertisers."

"The depth and breadth of our reviews and listings make us the "go to" destination on the web for all things Chicago," said Mark Roth, co-founder and director of CenterstageChicago.com. "We are excited about the direction of the Sun-Times News Group and look forward to building our audience as part of their network." The addition of Centerstage Chicago to the Sun-Times News Group is one of several steps designed to capitalize on new media opportunities to further enhance the Company's and suntimes.com's position as the number one source of local news and information in Chicago. These include: the creation of STNG Wire, a Web-based, 24-hour news and headline service used by major Chicago media outlets; a news sharing partnership with WMAQ-TV/NBC5; and making suntimes.com available on mobile devices in a specialized format designed for easy access on small screens. About CenterstageChicago.com

Since its launch on the Web more than a decade ago, CenterstageChicago.com has kept its focus trained on all aspects of the urban lifestyle. Its extensive database of the city's restaurants, clubs, bars and music and theater venues combines with unique coverage of organic grocers, boutiques, art galleries, yoga centers and more. Thousands of bios of Chicago's musicians, actors and writers; patron reviews; and the neighborhood-centric "Virtual L" emphasize Centerstage's independent spirit.

Sun-Times Media Group, Inc. (NYSE: SVN) (www.thesuntimesgroup.com), formerly Hollinger International Inc., is a newspaper publisher whose assets include The Chicago Sun-Times and a large number of community newspapers in the Chicago area ("The Sun-Times News Group").

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