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Atrium Theatre

PRESS RELEASE

Chicago's Premier Russian Theatre Adapts for American Audience

Chicago, IL, December 12, 2005: The coming of a New Year brings with it new possibilities, opportunities, and experiences. This year, let the experience be one of culture and entertainment. On January 5, 2006, Atrium Theatre, a Northbrook-based Russian Theatre Company, is unveiling a revolutionary addition to their theatrical performances- digital English translators. The translators will allow individuals to simultaneously receive a full English translation, via personal headset, as they watch the live Russian performance.

The theatre has made attempts to welcome English-only speaking patrons to their performances in the past, providing both printed translations as well as subtitles via television monitors next to the stage; but thus far all attempts have been unsuccessful. "It's always been a dream of mine to bring authentic Russian theatre to the American community, but until now, the language barrier has made it impossible" stated Atrium Theatres founder, "this technology will finally make us synced with Chicago's Theatre."

Atrium was founded in 1999 when two friends decided to re-instate their theatrical careers, having abandoned them since they immigrated to the United States. Since then, the theatre runs three seasons a year, five shows each season, and with ensemble members ranging from professional immigrant actors to talented Russian individuals looking to contribute to their community. For each play, the theatre flies in well-known Russian directors from various Russian-speaking countries to cast, plan, and direct the show.

To acquire more information about the theatre, the current season, or to obtain tickets, visit www.AtriumTheatre.org. They look forward to seeing you in their audience!

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