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WASHINGTON DC'S PREMIER POLITICAL COMEDY TROUPE TO PERFORM AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE

GROUP REPRESENTS A PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF COMEDY FROM THE CAPITOL STEPS

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Cleveland, OH - The Capitol Fools will be hitting the stage at Playhouse Square this September. The musical political parodies presented by the now defunct comedy troupe, the Capitol Steps, will continue as the **Capitol Fools**, a new group created by former members of the Capitol Steps. Performances will take place in Mimi Ohio Theatre at Playhouse Square on September 27, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$30 and are available for purchase online at playhousesquare.org or by calling 216-241-6000.

The Capitol Fools hold up a mirror to our crazy political culture, providing hilarious song parodies and foolish reflections that continue to inspire belly-laughter. Audiences will see former members of the Capitol Steps performing all the beloved bits, the mind-boggling backward talking spoonerisms, break-neck costume changes, over-the-top impressions, and all-new song parodies reflecting the day's news.

The Capitol Steps started in 1981 by some staffers in Illinois Senator Charles Percy's office to provide Christmas party entertainment and to rib the people that employed them. Soon, they were touring the nation chronicling the humor found in current events through clever song parodies.

When the Capitol Steps called it quits in 2021 after nearly 40 years, an intrepid group of former Capitol Steps cast members and the co-writer chose not to go quietly into that good night. This band of fools reflected on a world without musical, political satire, and didn't like what they saw. And just like that the Capitol Fools were born.

While foolish enough to embark on this new journey, they were smart enough to not reinvent the wheel. Fast-paced, laugh out loud show...check. Equal opportunity offenders...check. Skewering both sides of the aisle...check. If a "Steps-style show" is wrong, they don't want to be right.

The premiere performance took place in Skokie, IL in April 2022. Since that time the Capitol Fools have toured the country performing in 15 states and the District of Columbia. "We have been playing to very enthusiastic audiences everywhere we go," says Jack Rowles, who performs with the Capitol Fools and is the director of the show."

"Because we CAN, SHOULD, and NEED TO," declares Jack Rowles on why political satire should continue. "We CAN is a tribute to living in a great country. SHOULD refers to the medicine of laughter, especially when dealing with the bat-shit craziness of politics. NEED TO...there is nothing more powerful than sitting in a room full of politically astute patrons from all political persuasions sharing laughter and making fun of folks from both sides of the aisle."

No matter who holds (or doesn't hold) office, there is never a shortage of material. Mark Eaton adds, "We've always said our show's greatest enemy is a competent government. Therefore, we should be around for a long, long time."



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