



## Second City to perform for Beacon Theatre benefit

The Second City, the legendary improvisational comedy troupe from Chicago, is under contract to perform in Hopewell next September. The performance is to benefit restoration of the historic Beacon Theatre.

Hopewell Preservation Inc. Executive Director Cheryl L. Collins announced today that the Second City will bring its sparkling satire to Hopewell as a part of the campaign to raise \$7.3 million to complete the restoration of the 1928 structure in downtown Hopewell.

"We're excited that Tri-City area residents will have a chance to see Second City's national company perform here," said Collins. The Sunday, Sept. 30 event is to be held at Hopewell High School's auditorium. Tickets are to go on sale in early 2007.

In addition to the performance, people who buy premium tickets are to have an opportunity to meet cast members during a reception in the

Flannagan family ballroom at the Beacon Theatre on Main Street.

Known for improvisation, The Second City has been taking its one act on the road for more than 30 years. Since the late 1950s actors with the troupe have been delighting audiences. The Second City now has theatres in Toronto, Las Vegas and Detroit as well as Chicago.

Among prominent alumni of Second City casts are Alan Arkin, Joan Rivers, John Belushi, John Candy, Dan Akroyd, Gilda Radner, Jim Belushi, Mike Myers, Bill Murray, Chris Farley and Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

"Although Richmond venues have had the opportunity to book the group in recent years, none of them

have," noted Collins. "Our theatre may not be restored yet, but our commitment to providing quality entertainment in our community is solid."