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***HIZZONER: DALEY THE FIRST*  
ANNOUNCES A RETURN TO THE SKOKIE THEATRE  
IN JANUARY 2009 FOR A MONTH-LONG RUN**

CHICAGO –Gipeti Entertainment announces the the critically acclaimed production *Hizzoner: Daley the First* returns to the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N Lincoln Ave., Skokie, January 31 – February 22, 2009. Tickets for 2009 dates at Skokie Theatre are currently on sale at the Skokie Theatre box office or at [hizzonertheplay.com](http://hizzonertheplay.com).

Mayor Richard J. Daley (1902 – 1976), authoritarian politician, family man and dynasty builder, whose life was inextricably bound to Chicago, the city he loved, is explored in *Hizzoner: Daley the First*. Written by and starring Neil Giuntoli, it is directed by Stefan Brun and opened March 2, 2006 at Prop Thtr to critical acclaim.

*Hizzoner* is a theatrically intimate look at the man atop Chicago's political machine and a major influence on national policy and politics – Richard J. Daley. Set in the changing and tumultuous history of the 1960's and 1970's, *Hizzoner* offers a behind-the-scenes view of a world rarely scene beyond City Hall as well as personalities who worked with Daley and some - like Jesse Jackson - with whom he had a crucial crossing of paths. There is also a glimpse into how "Da Mare" may have seen himself.

Giuntoli, a Chicago native and relative of Chicago's Mayor Anton Cermak has written four plays and has a long list of additional credits including movie and television roles in "Shawshank Redemption," "Memphis Belle" and "Waterworld" among others. His notable TV guest appearances include "The Jeff Foxworthy Show," "CSI: NY," "CSI," "Monk," "NYPD Blue," "Ally McBeal," "Chicago Hope," "Seinfeld" and "ER."

*Hizzoner* has been performed more than 300 times for audiences around the Chicago area. The cast contains many of its original cast members including William Bullion, Varrick Douglas, Mike O'Brien, Chuck Jacobsen, Gordon Gillespie, Dianne M. Honeyman, Nick Leininger, Doug Peterson, Don Schroeder and Whit Spurgeon.

Tickets for performances at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie; Thursday, Jan. 31 – Saturday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 3 at 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7 – Saturday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. are \$40 (\$35 for senior citizens) and can be purchased online at the [SkokieTheatre.org](http://SkokieTheatre.org) for more information call the Skokie Theatre box office at 847.677.7761.

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