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## CHICAGO'S FAMED SECOND CITY RETURNS TO THE SOUTHERN THEATRE

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CAPA presents **The Second City's *Fair and Unbalanced*** at the **Southern Theatre** (21 E. Main St.) on **Saturday, March 5**, at **8 pm**. **Tickets** are \$25 and \$30 at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while available. This performance is made possible through the generous support of Mental Health America of Franklin County.

On December 16, 2009, The Second City celebrated 50 years of cutting-edge, satiric revues, and today continues to develop the leading voices in comedy while touring the globe. The Second City has become the premier training ground for the comedy world's best and brightest. Their alumni list reads like a who's who of American comedy, including such superstars as Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Alan Arkin, Joan Rivers, Robert Klein, Peter Boyle, Harold Ramis, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, George Wendt, Martin Short, John Candy, Bonnie Hunt, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Horatio Sanz, Ryan Stiles, Jack McBrayer, Tim Meadows, Chris Farley, Mike Myers, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, Tina Fey, and countless others.

The Second City began in a converted Chinese laundry on Chicago's north side in 1959. By the next century, the company had established itself as the premier comedy institution in the world. With theatres in Chicago, Toronto, Detroit, Las Vegas, and Denver, training centers in each of those cities as well as New York and Los Angeles, a corporate division that offers creative services to the business world, a TV and film division, and touring troupes that bring its unique

brand of improv-based sketch comedy all over the world, The Second City has become, in the words of *The New York Times*, “A Comedy Empire.”

Not only will an evening with The Second City provide audiences with the chance to see comedy stars-in-the-making, but it will also give them the opportunity to see absolutely hilarious satire and cutting-edge improvisation. No topic or subject matter is off limits. If your parents asked you not to speak about it at the dinner table, chances are it will be made fun of in an evening with The Second City.

[www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com)

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

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Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent, historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, Valentine Theatre (Toledo, OH), and Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a not-for-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment in operation for more than 40 years. For more information, visit [www.capa.com](http://www.capa.com).

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