

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **August 8, 2017: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Looking for an event where you can accessorize your bikini with Marlene Dietrich's and Gore Vidal's (and, okay, The Cat in the Hat's and Krusty the Clown's) favorite neckwear? Where beach meets street in a creative, casual, formal – whatever you find festive! - fashion mash-up? Clear Space Theatre Company has just what you're looking for!

On Saturday, September 16, Clear Space presents its annual gala, Bow Tie & Barefoot, this year celebrating both a fabulous summer season *and* Clear Space's 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Festivities will feature an open bar, buffet dinner and dancing to the music of the Over Time Band. Held at IVY in Dewey Beach, the fun begins with a reception at 6:00 pm; at 6:30, cast members from Clear Space's company of actors will present previews of the 2018 Theatre season. The evening continues with a buffet at 7:00, and concludes with dancing.

But wait - there's more! The evening also will include a tribute to this year's winners of the Company's annual Spotlight Awards:

- Spotlight on Advocacy: The Honorable Peter C. Schwartzkopf and The Honorable Ernesto B. Lopez
- Spotlight on Volunteer Service: Joan E. Thomas
- Spotlight on the Artistic Company: Elaine Faye.

Says Carl Schloegel, Chair of Clear Space's Board of Directors, "We are thrilled to honor these award winners! The breadth of the awards – from advocacy to volunteer service to artistry – underscores the breadth of support, commitment and talent required to sustain a successful community theatre company. Clear Space – indeed, our entire community – benefits enormously from these individuals' dedication to bringing live theater and arts education to the beach."

Adds Wes Paulson, Clear Space's Executive Director, "Bow Tie & Barefoot is a wonderful event. We have a great time dining and dancing, and honoring our award winners! We love having this evening to celebrate Clear Space's success as a theatre company and as a leader in arts education programming. And what a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to the entire community which makes that success possible!"

Tickets for Bow Tie & Barefoot are \$150, and may be purchased on the website at: [www.clearspacetheatre.org](http://www.clearspacetheatre.org) or by calling the box office at 302-227-2270. Clear Space is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization; \$75 of each ticket price is deductible for income tax purposes. Gala sponsorship opportunities are available at many levels; details are available at: <http://www.clearspacetheatre.org/support-cstc.html> .