



Saturday, May 14, 2005

Downtown Portland Marriott Hotel

**Look for tickets on sale
in mid-February at
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\$100/person \$1,000/table*

***Tables accommodate 10 people**



proceeds to benefit the programs of

Neighborhood House, Inc.

Hollywood animators, directors and performers will be on hand to join Noel Blanc in paying tribute to his father, Portland native son Mel Blanc, at "Animation Celebration: A Century of Hope and Laughter," Neighborhood House's Centennial Gala, to be held on May 14, 2005 at the downtown Marriott Hotel. 2005 marks the 100th year of Neighborhood House and the art of animation.

"Animation Celebration" will pay homage to the impressive contributions of Northwest artists and performers in the field of animation. Renowned celebrity guest participants include art director Alan Bodner (*The Iron Giant*), director Henry Selick (*The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *James and the Giant Peach*), and animator Craig Bartlett (*Hey, Arnold!*).



Tom Kenny,
*voice of SpongeBob
SquarePants, will
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Neighborhood House's Centennial Gala

"Animation Celebration: A Century of Hope and Laughter"

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The Gala will include silent and oral auctions featuring animation memorabilia, merchandise sales, trips and special surprises. The program will be held during dinner with stand-up comedy by Tom Kenny, a video presentation honoring Mel Blanc's incredible career, which began at the South Parkway Club of Neighborhood House, and commentary showcasing the creativity of Mel's son, Noel Blanc, Alan Bodner, Henry Selick, Craig Bartlett, and Tom Kenny.

This high-visibility event is the highlight of a year of activities marking Neighborhood House's Centennial. Proceeds from Animation Celebration will be used to launch the Mel Blanc Youth Development Fund in support of Neighborhood House programs serving families in SW Portland. For more information or to reserve your table or seat, contact Jawaee Mockabee at 503-595-4223 or email at jmockabee@nhweb.org. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Mari Yerger at 503-246-1663 x119 or email myerger@nhweb.org.

THE HONOREE

Mel Blanc - Voice Artist

Shortly after his birth, the Blanc family moved to Portland. In 1927 he made his living as a musician conducting the pit orchestra at the Orpheum Theatre in Portland. In the 1930's Mel Blanc moved to Los Angeles, where he created the voices of beloved animated cartoon characters including Bugs Bunny, Woody Woodpecker, Daffy Duck, and many others. One of his favored charities was Neighborhood House.

THE CAST

Noel Blanc - Voice Artist

Noel Blanc, son of Mel Blanc, is a voice artist in his own right. He did the voices for the Cartoon Network's television show, Tiny Toons. His other work includes 1988's "Roger Rabbit & the Secrets of Toontown."

Tom Kenny - Voice Talent - Emcee

Former stand-up comic and the voice of SpongeBob SquarePants, the star of Nickelodeon's successful animated series and the recently released SpongeBob SquarePants Movie.

Alan Bodner - Art Director - Host

Original art director on the Emmy-nominated Disney Channel hit "Kim Possible." He also received an Annie award for his artistic contributions to the Warner Bros. animation feature "Iron Giant."

Henry Selick - Director

Current Supervising Director of Vinton Studios, made history as the director of the modern Disney classic "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

Craig Bartlett - Animator

Creator of Nickelodeon's "Hey Arnold!" animated series. He studied at the Museum School in Portland and was one of the original creators at Vinton Studios.

