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## *The Fringe Festival's Top Alums Come Together for Sinful Cabaret*

*Seven Nights... Seven Deadly Sins.*

(MINNEAPOLIS, June 26, 2006) – For the upcoming 2006 Minnesota Fringe Festival (August 3-13), a collection of the Twin Cities' top storytellers and musicians will gather under one roof for **Sin Cities 7**. This late-night cabaret, hosted by **Bobbi Miller** and **Dave Mondy**, will feature such past Fringe notables as **Colleen Kruse**, **Rik Reppe**, **Charlie Bethel**, **Amy Salloway**, **Allan Staples**, and **Leslie Ball**, along with lauded local musicians **Omaur Bliss**, **Ben Connelly**, **Dameun Strange**, **Jim O'Neill**, and many more.

Seven nights of Fringe...Seven Deadly Sins. Each evening will be devoted to a different deadly vice, and will feature a unique roster of performers delivering their take on that night's theme. Part storytelling, part music...100% debauchery.

Dave Mondy, who has recently penned scripts for Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, received the Best Solo Comedy Award in San Francisco for his last show, *This Love Train is Unstoppable...* Described as a first-rate solo performer, The Rake characterizes his delivery as "a nod to solo theatre's kinship with cabaret, stand-up comedy, and one-on-one storytelling." Bobbi Miller wrote, produced, and performed a booze-themed musical review, *Intoxicating*, for last year's Fringe. Recently returned from the Berkeley College of Music, she has been thrice-nominated for Minnesota Music Awards, and can be seen singing soul and jazz at various venues through the Twin Cities.

With such an accomplished collection of contributors, **Sin Cities 7** promises to be one of the highlights of this year's Fringe – and the cast is still growing. "I'm really excited about all the great people who are getting involved," says Mondy. "I guess some of Minnesota's biggest Fringers must be pretty big sinners, too." With its late-night time slot, the cabaret should also be the perfect compliment to the other new late-night addition to this year's festival: The Fringe Nightcap Series. Celebrating local nightlife, the festival will designate a different bar/restaurant for each evening of Fringe, where both artist and audience alike can rendezvous.

**Sin Cities 7** opens Thursday, August 3, with Lust; it continues on Friday, August 4 with Wrath; Saturday, August 5, with Greed; Wednesday, August 9, with Envy; Thursday, August 10, with Sloth; Friday, August 11, with Gluttony; and concludes on Saturday, August 12, with Pride. All shows start at 11:30 PM at The Minneapolis Theatre Garage (711 West Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN, 55405). Tickets are \$12 (with a \$2 discount for students, seniors, and MPR members) and can be purchased at the door, or in advance through Uptown Tix (651-209-6799, [www.uptowntix.com](http://www.uptowntix.com)). For more info go to [www.fringefestival.org](http://www.fringefestival.org).

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