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National Theatre of the Deaf
Theatre to Host Fundraising Birthday Reception

New London, CT: Betty Beekman, Executive Director of The National Theatre of the Deaf, has announced a Fundraising Reception to be held in honor of NTD's first actor, **Bernard Bragg's 85th Birthday on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 7:30 PM.** The public event will raise funds towards NTD's performing programming. Tickets can be obtained by contacting NTD.

Bernard Bragg was the theatre's first actor and the **reception will be held in the O'Neill Theater Center Barn** where the National Theatre of the Deaf first began. Mr. Bragg, an acclaimed actor with a career spanning more than 60 years, will perform "The Tyger" by William Blake, a poem he is well known for performing during NTD's early years. Current actors from the National Theatre of the Deaf touring company will also perform for the birthday celebration. "We are truly honored to host a birthday reception for Bernard Bragg in celebration of his 85th Birthday," stated Betty Beekman. "Bernard Bragg has been instrumental in forming the company's artistic style, and holding the reception at NTD's first home has special significance for Bernard and for NTD."

Along with being among NTD's first actors, he is a world renowned actor, director, playwright, and lecturer. He is also internationally recognized as a leader in the deaf entertainment industry.

The National Theatre of the Deaf has just completed its 45th touring season and is the oldest continuously performing professional touring theatre company in the country. During its history, NTD has completed well over 100 national and 31 international tours and has appeared in all 50 states and on all 7 continents. It has received critical acclaim for its adaptations of classical literature and original works, and it has collaborated with such theatrical luminary artists as Marcel Marceau, Chita Rivera, Jason Robards, Peter Sellers, Meryl Streep, and Colleen Dewhurst.

For more information and to obtain tickets, contact info@ntd.org.

Saturday, October 19TH - 7:30 PM

O'Neill Theater Center Barn

305 Great Neck Road

Waterford, CT

Donation: \$50.00

Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Light Beverages

Entertainment

RSVP to Info@NTD.org by October 10, 2013

Members of the press are welcome. Please contact NTD Offices ahead of time to schedule interviews. For more information about NTD/LTD log on to www.ntd.org. To contact the NTD offices:

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