



**SF Mayor Newsom Declares November 10 'BATS Improv Day'  
in Honor of Theatre Company's 20th Anniversary**

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On the occasion of BATS Improv's 20th Anniversary, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom declared today "BATS Improv Day" in an official proclamation from city hall.

Here is the text of that proclamation:

WHEREAS, San Francisco's first improvisational theatre workshop on the Theatresports format culminated in a sold-out performance on November 10, 1986; and

WHEREAS, players from that workshop and performance were so inspired by what they learned, that they formed Bay Area Theatresports—today known as BATS Improv; and

WHEREAS, BATS is committed to the performance, teaching, development and promotional of improvisational theatre; and

WHEREAS, BATS is known for creating innovative theatre that tells a story collaboratively, from comedy to drama, with dynamic storytelling that both engages and entertains audiences; and

WHEREAS, the BATS School of Improvisational Theatre has provides top-notch performance-based training combined with the belief that learning improvisational theatre skills can have a positive impact on people's lives

beyond the stage, such as at home, work, and in interpersonal relationships; and

WHEREAS, BATS is today one of the nation's largest non-profit year-round improvisational theatre companies, performing for more than 12,000 audience members and attracting more than 1,300 workshop enrollments each year; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2006, as...

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