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**Award Winning Program The Unusual Suspects  
Hosts Inaugural Benefit Thursday, May 28  
at Los Angeles' Historic Oviatt Penthouse**

**Honoring Pulitzer Prize-nominated playwright David Henry Hwang  
and philanthropist Paula Litt, Trustee, Liberty Hill Foundation**

*Theater Company a Hollywood Favorite*

May 26, 2009, Los Angeles --The Unusual Suspects, a non profit theater company targeting at risk youth hosts their inaugural ball Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Oviatt Penthouse in downtown Los Angeles. Emceed by TV personality Meghan Cleary, the VIP reception and silent auction begins at 6:30 with a sit-down dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrities from George Clooney (who donated to this year's silent auction), to Cindy Crawford, to Ed Harris, to Alfre Woodard, to David Schwimmer to Ed Asner count The Unusual Suspects among their charities of choice.

Serving more than 2,500 youth and families in the Southern California community, The Unusual Suspects received the United States highest honor, the Standing Taller Award in 2007 presented by First Lady Laura Bush and has been featured everywhere from the *LA Times* to *Joan Lunden's Hometown Heroes*, to *Back Stage West*.

To purchase tickets or to make a donation: [www.theunusualsuspects.org](http://www.theunusualsuspects.org)  
Or call Frances Carley at 213-488-8488 x. 205

The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company (US) was founded in 1993 by actress Laura Leigh Hughes, following the civil unrest of the Los Angeles riots to empower youth and to deter them from acting out in a negative way by giving them a powerful and constructive tool for communication - theatre, as a means of breaking down barriers between rival gangs and various adversaries within communities. The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company (US) is a non-profit 501(c)(3).

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