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### LOUNGE LOVERS REJOICE: "BEST OVERALL SHOW"-WINNER FROM CAPITAL FRINGE TO PLAY AMP BY STRATHMORE

(Washington D.C.) Eddie Lounge and the original Cosmos return with *The Eddie Lounge Reunion Tour: The Lounge Awakens* for an encore presentation at **AMP by Strathmore**, less than eight months after their sold-out run at the 2015 Capital Fringe Festival netted the group the "Best Overall Show" Pick of the Fringe Audience Award. In this co-production between **Strathmore** and **Twist & an Olive Productions**, directed by **Walter Ware III** (resident casting director/artistic coordinator at Signature Theatre), the martini-swigging, sequined-swinging crooner returns to sing your funky favorites at **AMP** (11810 Grand Park Avenue, Bethesda, MD) on **March 3, 2016 at 8 pm**.

Lucky lounge audiences revel in the news that after retiring from lounge singing following his hit Fringe shows, Eddie Lounge has decided to return to the lounge stage. But in his absence, his old mentee-turned-rival, Rico Bubbly, has filled the lounge void Eddie had left. And Rico isn't keen to step aside. As Eddie and his band the Cosmos serve up their comedic mix of lounge, fun, and heart, Rico and dulcet diva Gina Tonic shake and stir things up. Will Eddie have to re-enter retirement with a dash of bitters? Or will he once again be Lord of the Lounge?

On being able to play an amazing venue like AMP, Bethesda native Eddie exclaims in his smooth baritone, "AMP already had great music and cocktails, so bringing in a lounge singer seems the logical next step. AMP is any lounge singer's dream, so we can't wait to shine our sequins for the crowds at Pike & Rose. Yeah, baby!"

Don't miss the return of the one-of-a-kind lounge team *The Washington Post* cheered has "Bona fide charm," in the show that *DC Metro Theatre Arts* hailed as "A howler!...Brash & brilliant!" and *DC Theatre Scene* trumpeted is "Breezy and cheesy & fun!" The entire *Eddie Lounge* run at summer 2015's 10<sup>th</sup> Capital Fringe Festival was sold-out, and the show has been among the top-selling productions of the three Fringe Festivals in which it has been featured.

*The Eddie Lounge Reunion Tour: The Lounge Awakens* stars creator **Ed Spitzberg** as the titular lounge singer. The show also features **Jeremy Zucker**, Eddie's smooth-as-silk lounge singing rival Rico Bubbly, piano player **Mo Heeto (Alex Romain, also music director)**, and sultry usher-gone-superstar-backup-singer Gina Tonic (**Melissa Romain, Mo's/Alex's squeeze onstage and off**). The Cosmos includes bassist Vern Mooth (**Weymouth Spence, Melissa's real-life sister**), drummer Davey Lounge (**Dave Spitzberg, Ed's real-life brother**), Jim Rickey (**Jim Malcolm**) on guitar and **Mike Nilsson** as the sax-playing French new guy, Guy Nouveau.

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**Performance:** March 3, 2016, 8 p.m.  
*Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*  
*Performance is 75 minutes, no intermission*

**Venue:** AMP by Strathmore  
11810 Grand Park Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20852

**Tickets:** \$25 General Admission, \$35 VIP  
<https://www.ampbystrathmore.com/live-shows/eddie-lounge-reunion>  
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**Photos:** General press information and a link to high resolution photos are at  
[www.eddieloungeuniontour.com/press.html](http://www.eddieloungeuniontour.com/press.html)

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### About Twist and an Olive Productions

Twist and an Olive Productions has been producing versions of *The Eddie Lounge Show* since 1999. The show has graced lounges from the San Francisco Bay Area to the Las Vegas Strip before landing in the nation's capital for Fringes One, Two and Ten. Twist and an Olive Production's staff includes Producing Artistic Director and the show's creator, **Ed Spitzberg** (a.k.a. Eddie Lounge), Producer **Arno Boersma** (a.k.a. Colonel van Tenley, rumored a distant Dutch relative of Colonel Tom Parker), and Associate Producer **Neesham Spitzberg** (a.k.a. Mrs. Kranzy Lounge) who produced an earlier version of the Eddie Lounge Show, and then, after marrying Eddie Lounge, co-produced a really cute little Lounge kid with him.

### About AMP, powered by Strathmore

AMP is great music and food at Pike & Rose, an urban-minded, Metro-accessible neighborhood along Rockville Pike that puts a premium on authentic live music experiences, bringing new energy beyond the Beltway. The live music and dining concept is a collaborative venture of Strathmore, Federal Realty Investment Trust (NYSE:FRT), and 550 Events & Provisions, a division of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group. Located in the thriving and rapidly changing North Bethesda District in Montgomery County, AMP is the nexus of live entertainment in the growing Pike & Rose neighborhood, and together with iPic Theaters, Pinstripes bocce and bowling concept, and a roster of restaurants will foster a vibrant nighttime economy in Montgomery County.

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