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**PHOTO AVAILABLE: Acclaimed Actor Performs One Man Play As Fundraiser For New Orleans Musicians On Saturday, November 19**

*Award winning actor Doug Motel will perform his acclaimed solo-play Mind Salad at the New York Open Center, Saturday November 19, 2005.*

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BRONX, N.Y./EWorldWire/Nov. 10, 2005 --- Doug Motel (<http://www.dougmotel.com>) is the author of three critically acclaimed solo plays including *Mick In America*, *Shiva Arms* (winner L.A. Weekly award for writing and performing and winner Theatre LA Ovation award for Best Writing of a World Premier play) and *Mind Salad* (L.A. Weekly award nomination for writing and performing). On November 19, 2005, he will perform *Mind Salad* at the New York Open Center. Profits will go to the Tipitinas Foundation, which finds housing, gigs and instruments for musicians devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

A guest star on numerous television shows such as Fox's *The Tick* (Produced and directed by Barry Sonnenfeld of *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events*) and Showtime's *National Lampoon's Attack Of The 5'2" Women*, Motel was inspired to offer an evening of performance after reading heartbreaking posts on the Tipitina's website. One post that touched him was from Sergio of the *No Idea Band*: "I was a full-time musician in New Orleans and lost my home due to the levee break. Our home was under water to the rooftop. I had a recording studio in my home that obviously is gone as well. I lost all of my guitars keyboards, drums and recording equipment."

In *Mind Salad*, Motel tells the story of Mick Calendar, an aspiring screenwriter who moves from London to Hollywood in hopes of escaping his noisy mind. Motel portrays 20 comic characters including a nine-year-old boy, a Texas gigolo, a cosmetology student from Queens and an angel sent to earth in the guise of a black drag queen.

Tickets are \$10 and must be reserved online. The performance time is 8:00 p.m.

To reserve tickets, visit <http://dougmotel.com/upcoming.htm> (Nov. 19).

For more information or to schedule an interview with Motel, call Carrie Wykoff of Events That Matter at (917) 450-1139.

**About The Tipitina's Foundation**

The Tipitina's Foundation had devoted its efforts to uplifting the New Orleans music community through its Music Co-op Office, Instruments A-Comin' benefit concerts and the Tipitina's Internship Program. That mission has changed since the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, as it fights to save and rebuild its community.

For more information, visit <http://www.tipitinasfoundation.org>.

**About the New York Open Center**

The New York Open Center is a non-profit educational and cultural center offering programs intended to heal the body, nourish the soul and awaken the spirit. It aims to serve as a focal point for holistic thought and practice in the heart of New York.

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