



## CHICAGO SPIRIT BRIGADE

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## CSB Monthly Star: January 2010

Your exclusive update on Chicago Spirit Brigade's events, news, and stars!

### Big Bang Seven... T Minus 5 and Counting!

There are only 5 days left until the curtains rise on the season's hottest event...

**Big Bang**, the Chicago Spirit Brigade's annual cabaret-style fundraiser, kicks off at Circuit Nightclub this Saturday with an 8:00pm Meet & Greet Reception. Enjoy a complimentary cocktail, courtesy of Circuit, before the 9:00 Show. Then join your fellow guests and CSB's dancers, twirlers and cheerleaders for lots of after-party dancing under Circuit's state-of-the-art light and sound system!

With more cheerleaders, dancers and drill team members than ever before (like cheer-star Michael M. pictured here in *Big Bang Six*), the 45-member Chicago Spirit Brigade now boasts an amazing diversity of talent. This year's Big Bang promises to be the best show yet... with plenty of hot dance numbers, a bit of kitsch, some drag (of course!), great vocal performances and, we promise, even a flash of skin (PG-13! Nothing too risqué).



**HURRY!** Advance tickets are available for \$20 online only until 8:00pm Friday, Jan 22 at [ChicagoSpiritBrigade.org](http://ChicagoSpiritBrigade.org). Tickets at the door are \$25. Both include a complimentary drink.



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## Did you Know?? ...CSB & Big Bang FAQ's!

**Q: Is the Chicago Spirit Brigade the only group of its kind?**

**A:** No... and yes! CSB and similar community-based groups around the country are members of the Pride Cheerleading Association. Other squads include Cheer NY, Cheer LA Cheer San Francisco and San Diego Cheer Elite. What makes CSB unique is that where the others are strictly cheerleading based, the Chicago Spirit Brigade is now comprised of Dance, Drill and Cheer squads!

**Q: When and where was the first Big Bang held?**

**A:** The first Big Bang was held in January 2005 at Hydrate. Within 3 years, the event had outgrown the stage capacity of Hydrate and Big Bang moved to Circuit Nightclub in January 2008.

**Q: What does it take to become a member of the Chicago Spirit Brigade?**

**A:** First, one must be willing to dedicate at least one year to fulfilling the group's fundraising mission. More important than previous dance, drill or cheer experience, CSB seeks members who can put on a smile, talk with people, and request donations for the designated beneficiary - including Chicago-based non-profit groups like TPAN and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Members must be 21 years of age or older (there's no upper limit! We have a couple cheerleaders nearing 50!) and willing to commit their time - our performers give up nearly every Sunday for 4 hours of practice and numerous weekends from May to October, when we average 15 to 20 performances. Tryouts are held in the fall, but anyone interested in becoming a performing or auxiliary member can contact CSB anytime throughout the year at [ChicagoSpiritBrigade.org](http://ChicagoSpiritBrigade.org).

