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**THE BEST OF BROADWAY, CLASSICAL, DANCE, JAZZ AND FAMILY
ENTERTAINMENT IN STORE FOR THE LIED IN 2010-11 SEASON**

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Featuring:

BLUE MAN GROUP

BERNADETTE PETERS

DISNEY'S CHOO CHOO SOUL

SPAMALOT

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BRANFORD MARSALIS

LINCOLN, NE – (May 7, 2010) The Lied Center for Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln proudly announces its 21st Season for 2010-11. The season's events are "WOW" in every way and invite patrons to experience the thrill of live entertainment at Nebraska's Home for the Arts. The season includes 43 performances of 36 shows.

Season tickets are on sale now. Season buyers enjoy discounts of up to 20% off the single ticket price. They also enjoy additional savings on fees and, most importantly, are guaranteed the best available seats for the hottest shows.

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The 2010-11 Season offers a large array of programs for nearly every taste.

- **Broadway:** *Blue Man Group, Spamalot, A Chorus Line, Fiddler on the Roof, Menopause: The Musical*
- **Popular:** Bernadette Peters in concert, Los Lonely Boys, Harlem Gospel Choir, April Verch Band, The Elders celtic rock band, Rockapella a capella group, The Official Blues Brothers Revue, Barrage fiddle & dance spectacular, Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes, a tribute to the legendary Hank Williams
- **Classical:** Cape Town Philharmonic Orchestra with guest violinist Philippe Quint, singer Sylvia McNair, pianist Vladimir Feltsman, violinist Joshua Bell, and pianist Jon Nakamatsu
- **Big Band & Jazz:** Wayne Bergeron with The Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, saxophonist Branford Marsalis & trumpeter Terence Blanchard in concert, Count Basie Orchestra, Simply Sinatra with Steve Lippia
- **Dance:** Western Ballet Theatre's Alice in Wonderland, the renowned Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Many Moccasins native American dance and music group, AXIS Dance
- **Theatre & Comedy:** Ed Asner in FDR, Aquila Theatre Company's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Capitol Steps comedy troupe
- **For All Ages:** Imago Theatre, The Flying Karamazov Brothers
- **Kids:** Disney's Choo Choo Soul
- **Holiday:** Christmas with Boston Brass
- **One-Man Shows:** Garrison Keillor, Peter Sagal

More information on each program is below. To view a www.liedcenter.org and by visiting the Lied Center Ticket Office at 12th & R Streets.

The Lied Center exists to serve the people of Nebraska and to ensure that every citizen has the access and opportunity to enjoy great art and entertainment. To that end, the Lied has priced its tickets very competitively. Adult tickets start at \$18, with half price tickets for UNL students and youth. Season buyers purchasing four shows or more always enjoy additional discounts. For season package buyers, the Lied also offers the service of a payment plan called Lied Layaway as well as a payroll deduction option for UNL employees. This service is free of charge.

Major donors to the Lied receive preferred seating assignments through May 31, 2010. Starting June 1, season ticket seating assignments are made on a first come, first served basis. Single tickets will go on sale on August 16.

For more information, please call the Lied Center Ticket Office at 402.472.4747 or 800.432.3231 or visit www.liedcenter.org.

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SEASON LINE-UP

Listed in chronological order; * denotes Lied Center debut; all performances in the Main Hall unless otherwise noted

BERNADETTE PETERS* – October 1, 2010 at 7:30pm

Tony® Award-winning Broadway and film star Bernadette Peters will make her Lied Center debut performance singing hits from Broadway. One of musical theatre's most popular artists of all time, this blockbuster show will be a season highlight!

ROCKAPELLA* – October 6, 2010 at 7:30pm

From TV's "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego" to their award-winning CD, Rockapella sits atop the world of vocal performance. This fall, hear this world famous vocal sensation perform hits like "Here Comes the Sun," "Pretty Woman," and "My Girl." Rockapella is the most exhilarating group in a capella today. *Sponsored by Children's Hospital and Friends of Lied.*

AXIS DANCE* – October 8, 2010 at 7:30pm

The Chicago Tribune says the AXIS Dance Company "shakes up the very concept of dance," with cutting edge, contemporary works by dancers with and without disabilities. A visually stunning dance event! *Sponsored by Madonna Rehabilitation.*

THE FLYING KARAMAZOV BROTHERS – October 9, 2010 at 7:30pm

Fire juggling men in kilts! With comedy, theatre, music and juggling, this internationally famous troupe will entertain children of all ages. The New Yorker calls them "nimble of wit as they are of hand!" From the beginning, it has been their intention to blend the worlds of art, improvisation, word play, harmony, emotion and virtuosity into a unique form of entertainment. *Co-sponsored by KLKN-TV.*

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF – October 12 & 13, 2010 at 7:30pm

Filled with a rousing, heartwarming score, which includes "Tradition", "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset," *Fiddler on the Roof* is a timeless classic. No other musical has so magically woven music, dance, poignancy and laughter into such an electrifying and unforgettable experience. Relive a glorious tradition of the musical theatre with *Fiddler on the Roof*. *Sponsored by Holiday Inn.*

WAYNE BERGERON with THE NEBRASKA JAZZ ORCHESTRA – October 15, 2010 at 7:30pm

Maynard Ferguson's longtime lead trumpet player, Wayne Bergeron, headlines with the popular Nebraska Jazz Orchestra. This concert features "Waynard plays Maynard," taking us into the trumpet stratosphere!

CAPITOL STEPS – October 21, 2010 at 7:30pm

The only people in Washington funnier than the politicians, the Capitol Steps finds satirical humor in the headlines of our everyday news. Watch this troupe make fun of the left and the right with equal passion! *WARNING: Adult Content. Sponsored by Whitehead Oil.*

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MANY MOCCASINS* – October 25, 2010 at 7:30pm in Great Plains Room, Student Union at East Campus

Many Moccasins and special guest Moses Brings Plenty (well-known as a part of the international music group “Brule”) provide an exciting evening of Native American dance and music.

VLADIMIR FELTSMAN* – October 26, 2010 at 7:30pm

Pianist Vladamir Feltsman’s vast repertoire encompasses music from the Baroque to 20th-century composers. Called “quite simply an amazing pianist” by *The New York Times*. Originally from Russia, this international award-winning pianist has been a featured soloist with the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony and Aspen Music Festival.

AQUILA THEATER “A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM”* – November 5, 2010 at 7:30pm

This dynamic, award-winning company brings the magic of Shakespeare to the Lied, performing one of drama’s most popular comedies in an updated production.

PETER SAGAL*, host of NPR’s “WAIT, WAIT, DON’T TELL ME!” – November 6, 2010 at 7:30pm

Peter Sagal—actor, author, director, playwright, and radio host--comes to the Lied for an intimate one-man show, full of stories and laughter. Sagal is the 10-year-long host of “Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me!”, one of NPR’s most popular shows. Sagal will make his Lied Center debut unforgettable with his hilarious and often irreverent tales.

BARRAGE* – November 12, 2010 at 7:30pm

Barrage is a high-octane fiddle-fest featuring an eclectic mix of music, dance and energy that the *Los Angeles Times* describes as “Stomp meets Riverdance.” Come see this group of seven fiddles thundering together as they dance up a storm. A fiery, thrilling, blitz-of-a-show you must see to believe!

HANK & MY HONKY TONK HEROES* – November 23, 2010 at 7:30pm

From Nashville’s Grand Ol’ Opry to winning awards off-Broadway in New York, Jason Petty has received critical acclaim for his tribute to country-western legend Hank Williams. Enjoy all the classic hits like “Your Cheatin’ Heart”, “Hey Good Lookin’”, and “I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry.”

SPAMALOT* – November 30 & December 1, 2010 at 7:30pm

Telling the legendary tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, this show features a bevy of beautiful showgirls, not to mention the cows, killer rabbits and French people. Monty Python’s *Spamalot* has been hailed as a “no-holds-bar hit” by *The New Yorker* and won the 2005 Tony® for Best Musical. **WARNING: Some dialogue and situations may be inappropriate for knights and damsels under age 12. Sponsored by Swanson Russell.**

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BOSTON BRASS BIG BAND CHRISTMAS* – December 11, 2010 at 7:30pm

A holiday spectacular, featuring 14 horns and a rhythm section performing the famous Stan Kenton Christmas Carols and other holiday hits. This jolly concert is a big band holiday music jubilation, perfect to get the whole family in the holiday spirit.

JOSHUA BELL – January 23, 2011 at 3:00pm

Bell is “the greatest American violinist active today,” says *The Boston Herald*. This classical music superstar has been a featured soloist with almost every major orchestra in the world. A GRAMMY® Award-winner, Bell was the featured violinist on the Oscar®-winning film, *The Red Violin*, and is the most celebrated American violinist of the modern era. *Sponsored by Friends of Lied.*

BLUE MAN GROUP* – January 28 at 7:30, Jan. 29th at 2:00pm & 7:30pm and Jan. 30, 2011 at 2:00pm

Making its debut at the Lied, Blue Man Group will thrill Lincoln with its fast and furious theatrical extravaganza. Escape the ordinary and surround yourself in an explosion of comedy, music and technology. *The New York Times* calls Blue Man Group “one of the most delightful performance pieces ever staged.” *Sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska and Woods & Aitken Law Firm.*

THE OFFICIAL BLUES BROTHERS REVUE* – February 4, 2011 at 7:30pm

Sanctioned by Dan Aykroyd and the Belushi estate, this live concert combines the comedy and hits from the original *Blues Brothers* movie and pays homage to Chicago’s rich music history. Get ready to Shout but, please, do it with a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T. With special guest Otis Day.

WESTERN BALLET THEATRE “ALICE IN WONDERLAND”* – February 18, 2011 at 7:30pm

Classical ballet meets fantasy masks, stunning costumes and narration in this wacky adaptation for all ages. Lincoln loves its ballet, and Western Ballet Theatre is some of the best around. *Sponsored by Farmer’s Mutual.*

HARLEM GOSPEL CHOIR* – February 19, 2011 at 7:30pm

Dynamic and inspirational performances have made the Harlem Gospel Choir the most famous gospel choir in the world today. It travels the globe, sharing its joy of faith through its music with the finest singers from Harlem’s Black Churches and the greater New York City area.

BRANFORD MARSALIS & TERENCE BLANCHARD – February 25, 2011 at 7:30pm

Two jazz luminaries join forces as a double-bill for one night only as GRAMMY®-winning trumpeter Blanchard meets with the legendary saxophonist, Branford Marsalis, from the family that needs no introduction. *Sponsored by Ruth Amen Endowment.*

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CAPE TOWN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA* – February 26, 2011 at 7:30pm

This major international orchestra from South Africa will perform Bernstein's Overture to *Candide*, Barber's Adagio for Strings, Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* and Erich Korngold's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Major, featuring GRAMMY®-nominated violinist Philippe Quint. Conducted by Martin Pantelev. *Sponsored by Burket Graf Endowment.*

DISNEY'S CHOO CHOO SOUL* – March 2, 2011 at 7:00pm

Disney's hit show steams into Lincoln with a beat-boxing, break-dancing extravaganza. Great family entertainment! This performance of Imago Theatre will be paired with the Lied's legendary FamFest, a free event featuring family games, activities and tasty treats. *Disney's Choo Choo Soul is sponsored by Lincoln Benefit Life. FamFest is sponsored by PepsiCo, Runza and The Cookie Company.*

A CHORUS LINE* – March 4 at 7:30pm & March 5, 2011 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Every drop of sweat, every hour of training, and every day of their lives – it's the one opportunity to do what they've always dreamed of. Seventeen Broadway dancers put their dreams on the line. This singular sensation is the longest-running American Broadway musical ever and has earned nine Tony® Awards. Come see the first-ever performance of *A Chorus Line* at the Lied! *Sponsored by Friends of Lied.*

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE– March 8, 2011 at 7:30pm

The world's greatest modern dance company returns! Called "fierce" by The New York Times, this special, once-in-a-decade visit will awe even the most sophisticated dance fans. *Co-sponsored by Burket Graf Endowment.*

GARRISON KEILLOR – March 10, 2011 at 7:30pm

The best-selling author, GRAMMY® Award winner and host of NPR's "A Prairie Home Companion" returns to the Lied Center with more homespun tales of Lake Wobegone days. Join the over 3 million people each week who tune in to hear this witty and down-to-earth Renaissance man. *Sponsored by First National Bank.*

ED ASNER IN FDR* – March 11, 2011 at 7:30pm

Ed Asner, recipient of seven Emmy® Awards, five Golden Globe® Awards and member of the TV Academy Hall of Fame, gives a fearless solo performance in the play *FDR*. *Co-sponsored by Burket Graf Endowment.*

THE ELDERS* – March 17, 2011 at 7:30pm

Bring out your inner-Irishman and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the international Celtic rock band The Elders, a raucous musical brouhaha of amped-up roots rock, powerful vocals, blazing instrumentals and top-notch songwriting to shout from the rooftops about!

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COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA – March 18, 2011 at 7:30pm

The legendary Count Basie Orchestra brings to the Lied the timeless music of one of the swinging kings of jazz. *The New York Post* says “the Count Basic Orchestra proves it’s the best...one magnificent band...the precision and flair were things to savor and to marvel at!”

APRIL VERCH BAND* – March 30, 2011 at 7:30pm

Fiddle champion and step dancer April Verch brings her band to Lincoln for a concert that features an irresistible blend of Celtic, jazz, folk and bluegrass music for all ages. *Sponsored by Dietze Music.*

MENOPAUSE: THE MUSICAL* – April 1 at 7:30pm and April 2, 2011 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm

Four women at a lingerie sale with nothing in common but memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, and more! Menopause The Musical is a joyful musical parody set to 25 classic baby-boomer songs from “Puff, My God I’m Draggin’” to the disco favorite “Stayin’ Awake, Stayin’ Awake” that will have you cheering and dancing in the aisle! It’s definitely not “The Silent Passage” anymore!

JON NAKAMATSU – April 7, 2011 at 7:30pm at Kimball Hall

World-renowned pianist Jon Nakamatsu returns to Lincoln after celebrated performances with Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra and the Meadowlark Festival. A Van Cliburn gold medalist, Nakamatsu is one of America’s premiere pianists. *Sponsored by Cornerstone Bank.*

LOS LONELY BOYS* – April 9, 2011 at 7:30pm

With their GRAMMY®-winning single “Heaven,” Los Lonely Boys presents their own signature blend of Latin rhythms, searing guitar leads and impeccable harmonies. This cross-cultural group traces their musical lineage through the traditions of Carlos Santana, The Beatles, Tony Joe White and The Doors. Don’t miss this Lied Center debut concert! *Co-sponsored by Country Inn & Suites.*

SYLVIA MCNAIR* – April 14, 2011 at 7:30pm

Praised worldwide for incredible vocal talent, GRAMMY® Award-winner McNair is one of the most sought-after singers of classical repertoire and of the Great American Songbook. *Sponsored by James and Rhonda Seacrest.*

IMAGO THEATRE* – April 16, 2011 at 7:30pm

Come see what *The New York Times* describes as “curious critters that leave you feeling giggly.” See penguins, frogs, lizards and other zany creatures and allow your imagination to travel to a world of live human animation. For ages 5 to 105! This performance of Imago Theatre will be paired with the Lied’s legendary FamFest, a free event featuring family games, activities and tasty treats. *Imago Theatre sponsored by Lincoln Benefit Life. FamFest sponsored by PepsiCo, Runza and The Cookie Company.*

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SIMPLY SINATRA* – April 29, 2011 at 7:30pm

Hailed by Sinatra’s own music director as “the best young singer I’ve heard in 25 years,” Steve Lippia wraps up the season with his tribute to the Chairman of the Board. *Sponsored by Meier’s Cork N Bottle and UNICO Group.*

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Season brochures and order forms are available at www.liedcenter.org or by visiting the Lied Center Ticket Office. Season ticket packages for four events start at \$62 for adults and \$30 for students. The Lied Center offers the Lied Layaway payment option. This option is available through July 15, 2010 with final payment due in August.

Single tickets for all events go on sale August 16 at 11 a.m. in person at the Lied Center Ticket Office via mail, phone, fax or at www.liedcenter.org.

ABOUT THE LIED CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

The Lied Center for Performing Arts is a state-of-the-art performing arts facility. The Lied Center, opened in 1990, is Nebraska’s Home for the Arts. The facility offers major regional, national and international events designed to attract, entertain and inspire a statewide audience, as well as an incredible setting for rental events, including performances, meetings, tailgates and more. AdventureLied, the education arm of the Lied, creates a wealth of enriching programs for the community, serving more than 16,000 students of all ages each year. The Lied Center is made possible through the generous 2010-11 season support of Christina Hixson and the Lied Foundation Trust, Friends of Lied, Ameritas and Union Bank. Visit The Lied online at www.liedcenter.org.