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LIED CENTER ADDS ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE OF “WIZARD OF OZ”!

Lincoln, NE—“There’s no place like home, there’s no place like home…” **The Wizard of Oz**, the greatest family musical of all time, is now stealing the hearts of audiences of all ages on their national tour. Get swept up in the magic at the Lied Center for Performing Arts on Saturday April 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. Due to popular demand for tickets, the Lied has announced an additional matinee performance to be held Saturday, April 10 at 3:00 p.m.

This fantastical production, based on the Royal Shakespeare Company’s celebration of the 1939 movie, will win over audiences the moment the tornado twists into Kansas. Dorothy, Toto, and their friends the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow are transported “over the rainbow” to adventures in Munchkinland, the Emerald City and beyond! Called “brilliant!” by *The UK Theatre Network* and “just wonderful” by *The Daily Echo*, the show’s breathtaking special effects, magnificent choreography and a dazzling, art-deco Oz delight both the young and young at heart. Just like the film, the stage show features all the classic songs by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg including, “Over the Rainbow,” “Ding Dong the Witch is Dead,” “Follow the Yellow Brick Road” and “The Merry Old Land of Oz.” As a special treat, the show even includes a dance number called “Jitterbug,” that was intended for the original film but later cut. Don’t miss this chance to experience magic of the **Wizard of Oz** live on stage!

This performance is possible in part by generous support from Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. and the Friends of Lied.

Tickets for this performance are \$54, \$49, and \$44. Students at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (as well as other participating colleges) with a valid I.D., as well as youth age 18 and younger, may purchase tickets for half price. Call the Lied Ticket Office at (402) 472-4747 or (800) 432-3231 for availability. Regular ticket office hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. For weekday evening performances, Lied Center Ticket Office hours are from 11 a.m. until 30 minutes after show time. The Lied Center is located on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at 301 North 12th Street. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.liedcenter.org.

As part of the Lied Center’s ongoing education programming, a pre-performance talk will be held in the Lied Center’s Steinhart Room. Seating is limited in the Steinhart, and the pre-talk will begin a half hour before curtain or when the room is full.

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For more information about **Wizard of Oz**, visit: <http://www.columbiaartiststheatricals.com/shows/oz.html>.

