

# OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS

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## OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES 2008/09 SEASON

### *Outstanding National and International Artists; New Subscriber Benefits; and Special Events*

**OMAHA, NEBRASKA – March 31, 2008** – Omaha Performing Arts has announced its 2008/09 Omaha Performing Arts *Presents* season, which features a wide range of classical, jazz, dance, popular entertainers and Broadway Across America performances at the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater.

The schedule of events also includes the expansion of the À La Carte Series, a New Year's Eve celebration at the Holland Center, and a special performance featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

"I'm proud to announce the fourth season of Omaha Performing Arts *Presents*, a season filled with remarkable performances," said Joan Squires, president of Omaha Performing Arts. "It is a wonderfully diverse range of artists and ensembles, including classical music sensations The 5 Browns; the ever-popular Ricky Skaggs and Bruce Hornsby; stage and television entertainer Bill Cosby; the stunning Aspen Santa Fe Ballet; Canadian-born singer and songwriter, k.d. lang; Broadway's recent Blockbuster, *Wicked*; and a New Year's Eve Celebration featuring Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band."

Omaha Performing Arts introduces additional subscriber benefits for the 2008/09 *Presents* Season. With the purchase of a subscription package, each subscriber will receive complimentary tickets to a bonus performance in the series. In addition to this incredible savings, subscribers will also have the opportunity to purchase up to eight single tickets to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir performance (subject to availability); purchase reserved, covered parking for \$8 per performance; enjoy a flexible ticket exchange policy (restrictions may apply); receive advance notice of and priority purchase for Omaha Performing Arts special events; and receive discounts on merchandise at the Holland Performing Arts Center Gift Shop.

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“With subscriptions featuring main floor seating starting as low as \$57, subscribers have the opportunity to purchase the best seats in the house and the chance to purchase tickets to one of the most breathtaking ensembles in the world, the Mormon Tabernacle Choir,” Squires said. “Purchasing a subscription package is not only affordable, but it’s also incredibly easy.”

### The Series Subscription Packages offered include the following:

#### Omaha Steaks Classical Series (Holland Performing Arts Center – Peter Kiewit Concert Hall)

The 5 Browns	Saturday, November 15, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
The Canadian Brass	Friday, December 5, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and The Assad Brothers	Saturday, April 18, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

#### Dance Series (Orpheum Theater – Slosburg Hall)

DanceBrazil	Saturday, February 28, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
Diavolo	Saturday, April 4, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
Aspen Santa Fe Ballet	Friday, April 24, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

#### Omaha World-Herald Jazz Series (Holland Performing Arts Center – Peter Kiewit Concert Hall)

Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band	Friday, October 3, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Blue Note 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – On Tour	Saturday, February 21, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
Regina Carter	Saturday, May 16, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

#### First National Bank Popular Entertainers (Holland Center and Orpheum Theater)

Ricky Skaggs and Bruce Hornsby	Friday, October 10, 2008, 8:00 p.m.
Bill Cosby	Saturday, March 21, 2009, 4 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Bebe Neuwirth	Friday, April 17, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
John Pizzarelli	Thursday, May 21, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

#### À La Carte (Holland Center and Orpheum Theater)

k.d. lang	Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Capitol Steps Productions	Thursday, October 23, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Hot Peas ‘N Butter	Saturday, November 22, 2008, 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
NYE Celebration/Gordon Goodwin’s Big Phat Band	Wednesday, December 31, 2008, 8:30 p.m.
Tomáš Kubínek	Friday, January 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
The Peking Acrobats®	Thursday, February 12, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Leahy	Friday, February 27, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

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À La Carte (Holland Center and Orpheum Theater)

The African Children's Choir in Journey of Hope	Friday, March 6, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
RAIN: The Beatles Experience	Saturday, March 14, 2009, 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Rebecca Frezza and Big Truck	Saturday, March 14, 2009, 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
L.A. Theatre Works presents War of the Worlds and The Lost World	Friday, March 20, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Special Event – (Holland Performing Arts Center – Kiewit Concert Hall)

Mormon Tabernacle Choir	Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 8:00 p.m.
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Broadway Across America – (Orpheum Theater – Slosburg Hall)

The Rat Pack	November 7-9, 2008
Grease	February 17-22, 2009
Avenue Q	March 26-29, 2009
Wicked	May 5-31, 2009

Omaha Performing Arts *Presents* subscription packages are available for purchase beginning Monday, April 7, 2008 at 10 a.m. Omaha Performing Arts *Presents* subscriptions range from \$57 to \$205, depending on the series. For more information about subscription packages, or to purchase an Omaha Performing Arts *Presents* subscription, contact Ticket Omaha, located inside the Holland Performing Arts Center at 13<sup>th</sup> and Douglas streets, by calling (402) 345-0606, or toll-free at (866) 434-8587 or visiting [www.ticketomaha.org](http://www.ticketomaha.org).

Single tickets for the 2008/09 Omaha Performing Arts *Presents* season will go on sale late summer 2008. Artists and performances for 1200 Club at the Holland – Omaha Performing Arts' nightclub series in the Holland Performing Arts Center's Scott Recital Hall – will be announced at a later date.

In addition to the Omaha Performing Arts *Presents* series, Omaha Performing Arts, in partnership with Broadway Across America, brings touring Broadway performances to Omaha's Orpheum Theater. Broadway Across America season ticket packages will go on sale in April, 2008. For more information about Broadway Across America season ticket packages, visit [BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com](http://BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com) or call the Broadway Across America Subscriber Hotline at (800) 219-SHOW (7469).

All programs, performers, dates and times are subject to change.

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**Omaha Performing Arts** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing world-class performances to the Omaha metropolitan area. The organization's commitment to the arts extends into its own series, *Omaha Performing Arts Presents*, as well as education and community involvement programs that help ensure the arts have a far-reaching impact.

Omaha Performing Arts also manages Ticket Omaha, provider of first-class ticketing and customer service to the community. Omaha Performing Arts is supported in part through funding from the Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Omaha, and the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund.

**Broadway Across America** presents first-class touring Broadway musicals and plays, family productions and other live events throughout a network of 42 North American cities. Broadway Across America also is dedicated to the development and production of new and diverse live theatre for productions on Broadway, both across America and throughout the world.

For more information, visit [www.omahaperformingarts.org](http://www.omahaperformingarts.org).

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