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**BLOCKBUSTER LINEUP OF ARTISTS AND PERFORMANCES
HIGHLIGHTS OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS' 2011-2012 SEASON**

OMAHA, NEB. – May 9, 2011 – Omaha Performing Arts is thrilled to announce its 2011-2012 season, which includes five great series: Jazz, Popular, Dance, the previously announced Broadway series, and new this year, Family. Each series is packed with stellar artists, like “Wickedly” famous Idina Menzel and jazz legend Herbie Hancock, along with nationally acclaimed productions such as renowned dance illusionists Momix Botanica and the eye-popping world-class juggler and comedian MARK NIZER’S 3D LIVE SHOW. With genre-bending performances ranging from popular and jazz to dance and family-friendly entertainment, this new season is sure to have something that will please every patron’s taste.

Among the all-star lineup in the 2011-2012 season are Grammy[®]-winning jazz artist, Chris Botti, rock and rollers Huey Lewis and the News, Doc Severinsen and the return of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet’s *The Nutcracker*. This incredible lineup is in addition to the already announced 2011-2012 Broadway Series, which includes *JERSEY BOYS*, *BLUE MAN GROUP*, *ROCK OF AGES* and *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*. Additional Broadway productions will be announced at a later date.

The season begins in October with Huey Lewis and the News as part of the Popular Series. Also included in the series is Idina Menzel, known for her starring roles in the television series “Glee” and the Broadway hits *WICKED* and *RENT*, and Brooklyn Rundfunk Orkestrata, an instrumental quartet whose performance titled *The Hills are Alive* features a bold adaptation of the songs in Rodgers and Hammerstein’s beloved musical, *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*.

Returning to the Orpheum to launch the Dance Series is Aspen Santa Fe Ballet’s *The Nutcracker*, which wowed audiences last year with its modern take on this traditional holiday favorite. Also included in the Dance Series are the internationally renowned American dance company Parsons Dance, contemporary Latino company Luna Negra Dance Theater and dancer-illusionists Momix with their colorful and organic “Botanica.”

New this year is the Family Series, which includes high-energy drumming group Yamato - Drummers of Japan, Cirque Mechanics with their gold rush-inspired “Boom Town” and world-class

juggler and comedian MARK NIZER'S 3D LIVE SHOW. "This new Family Series is the perfect addition to our season. It offers affordable entertainment which appeals to both children and their parents," said Joan Squires, president of Omaha Performing Arts. "It truly is a series for the whole family."

Continuing the tradition of bringing great jazz artists to the community, Omaha Performing Arts' 2011-2012 Jazz Series includes American trumpeter and composer Chris Botti, modern jazz pianist Herbie Hancock and acclaimed emerging artist Tierney Sutton with The Tierney Sutton Band.

The 2011-2012 Season Extras include Grammy®-winning trumpeter and former "Tonight Show" bandleader Doc Severinsen and His Big Band, jazz and bluegrass quartet Béla Fleck and the Flecktones The Original Lineup and international cabaret diva popular in New York nightclubs Meow Meow.

"Whether you prefer legendary artists such as Herbie Hancock, the rock and roll sounds of Huey Lewis and the News or remarkable new talents like vocalist Meow Meow, Omaha Performing Arts is committed to bringing the highest quality artists and performers to Omaha," Squires said.

Omaha Performing Arts season ticket holders will get several benefits including:

- Five great series to choose from: Jazz, Popular, Dance, Broadway, and NEW this year, Family
- Priority purchasing and special offers – buy tickets before the general public
- Free and easy ticket exchanges
- Save 15% when adding Omaha Performing Arts and Opera Omaha performances to Season Ticket orders and up to 30% on Broadway
- Save 50% on ticket fees when adding shows to Season Ticket orders

Omaha Performing Arts' 2011-2012 series includes the following:

Broadway Series – (Orpheum Theater – Slosburg Hall)

Wednesday, September 7– Sunday, September 25, 2011 | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
JERSEY BOYS
www.jerseyboysinfo.com

Tuesday, January 17 – Sunday, January 22, 2012 | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
BLUE MAN GROUP
www.bluman.com

Tuesday, March 6 – Sunday March 11, 2012 | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
ROCK OF AGES
www.rockofagesmusical.com

Tuesday, April 24 – Sunday, April 29, 2012 | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
www.fiddlerontour.com

Dance Series – (Orpheum Theater – Slosburg Hall)

Friday, December 9, 2011 | 8:00 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Aspen Santa Fe Ballet *The Nutcracker*
www.aspensantafeballet.com

Friday, January 27, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Parsons Dance
www.parsonsdance.org

Friday, March 30, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Luna Negra Dance Theater
www.lunanegra.org

Friday, May 11, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Momix “Botanica”
www.mosespendleton.com

Family Series – (Orpheum Theater and Holland Performing Arts Center)

Sunday, October 23, 2011 | 7:30 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Gamushara, the Best of Courage
Yamato, Drummers of Japan
www.yamato.jp

Friday, December 2, 2011 | 8:00 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Cirque Mechanics Boom Town
www.birdhousefactoryshow.com/boomtown

Sunday, February 12, 2012 | 7:30 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
“EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE” with MARK NIZER’S 3D LIVE SHOW
in association with DCA Productions
www.nizer.com

Jazz Series – (Holland Performing Arts Center – Kiewit Hall)

Saturday, December 3, 2011 | 8:00 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
Chris Botti
www.chrisbotti.com

Friday, March 16, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
Herbie Hancock
www.herbiehancock.com

Friday, May 4, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
The Tierney Sutton Band
www.tierneysutton.com

Popular Series – (Orpheum Theater and Holland Performing Arts Center)

Thursday, October 20, 2011 | 7:30 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Huey Lewis and the News - Soulsville
www.hueylewis.com

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 | 7:30 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
Idina Menzel
www.idinamenzel.com

Thursday, February 9, 2012 | 7:30 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
Brooklyn Rundfunk Orkestrata
www.brooklyn-ro.com

Season Extra Performances – (Holland Performing Arts Center and Orpheum Theater)

Saturday, December 10, 2011 | 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. | Sunday, December 11, 2011 | 2:00 p.m. | Slosburg Hall, Orpheum Theater
Aspen Santa Fe Ballet *The Nutcracker*
www.aspensantafeballet.com/index.php

Saturday, February 25, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
Doc Severinsen and His Big Band
www.docseverinsen.com

Sunday, April 1, 2012 | 7:30 p.m. | Kiewit Hall, Holland Center
Béla Fleck & The Flecktones
The Original Lineup
www.flecktones.com

Friday, April 20, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. | Saturday, April 21, 2012 | 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. | Scott Recital Hall, Holland Center
Meow Meow in Beyond Glamour
www.meowmeowrevolution.com

Omaha Performing Arts season tickets are now on sale through Omaha Performing Arts at OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets. Season Tickets start as low as \$52. For more information about Omaha Performing Arts Season Tickets, contact Ticket Omaha, located inside the Holland Performing Arts Center at 13th and Douglas streets, by calling 402.345.0606 or toll-free at 866.434.8587 or by visiting OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets. Single Tickets for the 2011-2012 Omaha Performing Arts season will go on sale in August 2011. All programs, performers, prices, dates and times are subject to change.

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ABOUT OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS

Omaha Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing world-class performances to the Omaha metropolitan area. Omaha Performing Arts' 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. In partnership with Broadway Across America, Omaha Performing Arts also brings the finest in touring Broadway productions to Omaha.

Core to its mission, Omaha Performing Arts manages two landmark venues, the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater – the former, which includes the acoustically acclaimed Kiewit Concert Hall and Scott Recital Hall and the latter, which includes Slosburg Hall, a proscenium theater. Omaha Performing Arts also provides comprehensive ticketing services for cultural and performing arts within the region through Ticket Omaha.

Omaha Performing Arts' performances are supported in part by 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. For more information on Omaha Performing Arts visit OmahaPerformingArts.org.

ABOUT BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA

Broadway Across America is owned and operated by British theatre producer John Gore (CEO) and entertainment industry veteran Thomas B. McGrath (Chairman). Broadway Across America presents first-class touring musicals and plays across 40 North American cities.

Under the supervision of Beth Williams (COO & Head of Production), Broadway Across America is also dedicated to the development and production of new and diverse theatre. Recent productions include *Hair*, *West Side Story*, *Memphis*, *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* and the West End production of *Breakfast At Tiffany's*. Upcoming Broadway productions include *Promises, Promises*, *Million Dollar Quartet* and *Minsky's*. Touring productions include *Dreamgirls* and *Nickelodeon's Storytime Live*. For more information on Broadway Across America visit BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com.

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