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TWO RETURNING FAVORITES ADDED TO BROADWAY SERIES

Perennial Favorite Cats and Beatles Musical Tribute Coming to Orpheum

OMAHA, NEB. – June 29, 2011– **RAIN - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES** and **CATS**, the musical that revolutionized American theater, have been added to the 2011-2012 Broadway series presented by Omaha Performing Arts and Broadway Across America.

Direct from a successful run on Broadway, **RAIN - A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES** will present three performances at the Orpheum Theater, Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, 2011. The production includes performances of the full range of The Beatles' discography live onstage, including the most complex and challenging songs that the Beatles themselves recorded in the studio but never performed for an audience. Together longer than The Beatles, **RAIN** has mastered every song, gesture and nuance of the legendary foursome, delivering a totally live, note-for-note performance in this multi-media concert. It's the "next best thing to seeing The Beatles!" according to the *Associated Press*. **RAIN – A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES** played one performance in Omaha in March, 2009.

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical **CATS** will present five performances at the Orpheum Theater, Friday, February 17 – Sunday, February 19, 2012. When **CATS** leapt on to the Broadway stage, its magic and music revolutionized American musical theater. What began as a musical about cats from a book of poems has become one of the longest running shows in Broadway's history. Winner of seven Tony Awards® including Best Musical, **CATS** features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies, including the hit song "Memory." This is one of the best ways to introduce your family to the wonders of live theater through the magic, the mystery and the memory of **CATS**. Whether it's your first time or you've seen **CATS** before, you'll continue to be mesmerized by the wonder of this production. **CATS** last played Omaha in 2009.

Season tickets are now on sale for **RAIN – A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES** and **CATS**. Prices range from \$25 to \$58 for **CATS** and from \$20 to \$62 for **RAIN – A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES**. Current season ticket holders can add one or both of these productions to their season for a 15% discount.

Season tickets are available at www.OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets; by calling Ticket Omaha at 402.345.0606 or at the Ticket Omaha office in the Holland Performing Arts Center, 13th and Douglas streets. Group sales are available by contacting 402.661.8516.

Season tickets are also still on sale for the four Broadway productions announced earlier by Omaha Performing Arts and Broadway Across America: **JERSEY BOYS**, September 7-25, 2011; **BLUE MAN GROUP**, January 17-22, 2012; **ROCK OF AGES**, March 6-11, 2012; and **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**, April 24-29, 2012. These season tickets range from \$85 to \$357.*

In addition, season ticket holders receive these benefits:

- Priority ticket discounts and the ability to purchase tickets before the general public
- Reduced rate subscriptions for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings
- Same great seats for each performance within the Broadway season
- Savings of up to 50% on ticket fees when adding other shows or performances
- Savings of up to 15% on single tickets for selected Omaha Performing Arts performances at the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater
- A flexible ticket exchange policy
- Easy, no-fee ticket exchanges within productions
- Traveling privileges with the ability to switch tickets for the same show between cities, allowing season ticket holders to get the same great seats even if they move to another city
- Flexible payment plan available

JERSEY BOYS single tickets are currently on sale. Single tickets for each of the other productions will go on sale at a later date.

For more information on the Omaha Performing Arts-Broadway Across America 2011-2012 season go to: www.OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets or call 402.345.0606. Additional information on each of the shows can be found at:

JERSEY BOYS, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, September 7-25, 2011,
www.JerseyBoysinfo.com

RAIN – A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, November 11-12,
2011, www.RainTribute.com

BLUE MAN GROUP, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, January 17-22, 2012, www.BlueMan.com

CATS, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, February 17-19, 2012, www.CatsTheMusical.com

ROCK OF AGES, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, March 6-11, 2012,
www.RockofAgesMusical.com

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, April 24-29, 2012,
www.FiddlerOnTheRoofTheMusical.com

*All productions, performers, dates and times 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 www.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.