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***ACCLAIMED TRUMPETER CHRIS BOTTI PERFORMS AT THE
HOLLAND IN DECEMBER***

Chris Botti Opens Omaha Performing Arts' Jazz Series on December 3

OMAHA, NEBRASKA –November 8, 2011 – Omaha Performing Arts presents critically acclaimed trumpeter [Chris Botti](#) at the Holland Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. This is the first performance of Omaha Performing Arts' 2011-2012 Jazz Series. Botti previously performed at the Holland Center during Omaha Performing Arts' New Year's Eve 2007 celebration.

Tickets for Chris Botti start at \$25 and can be purchased at the Ticket Omaha office inside the Holland Performing Arts Center, 13th and Douglas streets; online at TicketOmaha.com; or by calling 402.345.0606.

A native of Oregon, Botti started playing the trumpet at age ten, and while still in high school, he began performing professionally. After studying at the Indiana University music program, Botti moved to New York where he became a pop session player for artists such as Bob Dylan, Aretha Franklin and Paul Simon. Botti played with Simon's band for five years, before recording his solo debut, *First Wish*, in 1995. Botti then joined Sting's *Brand New Day* world tour as a featured artist in 1999. The two-year run culminated in *All This Time*, a CD/DVD-taping and webcast performance from Sting's estate in Tuscany in September 2001.

Since the release of his 2004 critically acclaimed CD *When I Fall In Love*, Botti has become a best-selling American jazz instrumental artist. His success has crossed over to audiences usually reserved for pop music. His ongoing association with PBS has led to four #1 Jazz Albums, as well as multiple Gold, Platinum and Grammy® Awards.

In September 2008, Botti invited an extraordinary variety of musical artists -- including Sting, Josh Groban, Steven Tyler, Yo-Yo Ma, John Mayer and Katharine McPhee -- to join him on-stage with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra for a pair of once-in-a-lifetime concerts, produced by Bobby Colomby and directed by Jim Gable, at Boston's historic Symphony Hall. The concert was televised on PBS the following March as [Chris Botti In Boston](#), an extraordinary film of the two-night event, that captures and accentuates the warmth,

excitement, chemistry and spontaneity of the shows.

Botti released a CD version of Chris Botti In Boston, which features Botti's core band and several special guests performing definitive versions of "Ave Maria," "When I Fall In Love," "Seven Days," "Emmanuel," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Cinema Paradiso," "Broken Vow," "Flamenco Sketches," "Glad To Be Unhappy," "Hallelujah," "Smile," "If I Ever Lose My Faith In You," and "Time To Say Goodbye."

To see a video clip of Botti performing "When I Fall in Love," visit TicketOmaha.com.

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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 (www.TicketOmaha.com).

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.