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**FREE MUSIC AND MOVIE ON LAWN AT HOLLAND CENTER  
AUGUST 19**

***Funk Trek and Shrek on the East Lawn of the Holland Friday, August 19***

**Omaha, Nebraska – August 5, 2011** – Omaha Performing Arts presents the third and final Cox Music & Movies event this summer with *Shrek* and the funky sounds of local band Funk Trek on Friday, August 19, 2011. This free event begins with music at 7:45 p.m. followed by the movie at dusk, usually around 9:00 p.m.

*Shrek* is the 2001 animated movie featuring the voices of actors Mike Meyers, Cameron Diaz, Eddie Murphy and John Lithgow. This family favorite had several movie sequels, television specials and even a Broadway musical. The story follows Shrek, a green ogre voiced by Meyers, who loses his cherished peace and quiet when the ruler of the land of Duloc, Lord Farquaad, voiced by Lithgow, exiles all the fairy-tale beings to the swamp where Shrek lives. Shrek goes to Lord Farquaad and convinces him to take back the fairy-tale beings. Farquaad reluctantly accepts—under one condition: Shrek must first find the beautiful princess Fiona, voiced by Diaz, who will become Farquaad's bride. So, Shrek and his newfound friend Donkey, voiced by Murphy, set out on a quest. In this fairy tale, the Prince isn't charming, the Princess isn't sleeping, the sidekick isn't helping and the ogre is the hero. *Shrek* has been rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America.

Known for their eclectic shows, local band Funk Trek will perform their original, high-energy, in-your-face funk music before the film. The ten-piece band consists of Tom Murnan (bass), Andrew Wahl (guitar), Dan Pflug (drum kit), Jared Dietz (guitar), Cameron Blazek (tenor sax), Mike Lovejoy (trombone), Rob Barr (percussion), Alain Hernandez (trumpet/vocals), Kevin Pflug (alto sax) and Jake Reisdorff (keyboards).

The Holland Center's East Lawn will open at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19. The music will begin at 7:45 p.m. and the film at dusk, usually around 9:00 p.m. There will be plenty of grass seating, and blankets and chairs are welcomed. Guckenheimer, the official food service provider for the Holland

Center, will offer picnic baskets that include sandwiches, salads and desserts priced at \$8.50 for one person, \$16.50 for two people and \$32.00 for four people. Baskets must be ordered by Wednesday, August 17 at noon to [jhermsen@omahaperformingarts.org](mailto:jhermsen@omahaperformingarts.org) or by calling 402.661.8434. À la carte items will also be available for purchase during the event. No outside food, drink or pets are permitted.

For more information about the Cox Music & Movies Series, contact Ticket Omaha at 402.345.0606, 866.434.8587 or visit [OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets](http://OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets). Band and film are subject to change.

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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](http://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](http://www.OmahaPerformingArts.org).

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