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Jazz on the Green Moves to the Holland Center
Joslyn Art Museum to Expand Summertime Programming

Omaha, Neb. – January, 25, 2010 – For 25 years, more than 545,000 people of all ages have relaxed, reveled, and shared in the music and community of a summertime tradition, Joslyn Art Museum’s *Jazz on the Green*. Joslyn and Omaha Performing Arts are pleased to announce that beginning this summer, this beloved outdoor concert series will move to the green space directly east of the Holland Performing Arts Center at 13th and Douglas Streets and will be presented by Omaha Performing Arts.

“With the opening of the Peter Kiewit Foundation Sculpture Garden and a renewed focus on our mission, we recognized that *Jazz on the Green* had outgrown our venue,” Jim Young, Chairman of the Joslyn Art Museum Board of Governors, said. “We approached Omaha Performing Arts about assuming responsibility for the series and are excited that the legacy of *Jazz on the Green* will continue at a new location.”

“Omaha Performing Arts is thrilled to adopt *Jazz on the Green* at the Holland Center,” Joan Squires, president of Omaha Performing Arts, said. “This community favorite will be a natural extension of our Jazz Series and our east-side outdoor space will be perfect for these events.”

With *Jazz on the Green at the Holland*, Omaha Performing Arts will continue the summertime series’ long-standing tradition of featuring outstanding jazz performers on select Thursday evenings. All concerts will be free of charge. Complete series details will follow in late spring.

With this transition, Joslyn Art Museum will debut a new series of lively evening programs and public events on its campus and inside the Museum at 24th and Dodge Streets. Every Thursday evening from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Joslyn’s expanded summertime offerings will include broad-appeal “main events” for families and adults. A complete schedule of events and admission information will follow in May.

Joslyn Art Museum

Joslyn Art Museum is a major regional resource for the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the visual arts. Dedicated to excellence and celebrating art in all its variety, the Museum maintains a collection of art historical significance, ranging from antiquity to the present, with special emphasis on 19th- and 20th-century European and American art. Through its collection, exhibitions, and education programs, Joslyn Art Museum seeks to foster appreciation and enjoyment of art for the benefit of a diverse audience.

The Museum was a gift to the people of Omaha from Sarah Joslyn in memory of her husband, George, who made his fortune as president of the Western Newspaper Union. The Museum's original 1931 building is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation, with 38 types of marble from seven countries. The Walter and Suzanne Scott Pavilion, a 58,000-square-foot addition built in 1994, was designed by renowned British architect Norman Foster, Baron Foster of Thames Bank, as his first U.S. commission. The Museum features galleries, a 1,000-seat concert hall, fountain court, education technology gallery, classrooms, lecture hall, library, café, and shop.

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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*, and includes a partnership with Broadway Across America to bring the finest in touring Broadway productions to Omaha, as well as education and community involvement programs that help ensure the arts have a far-reaching impact.

The organization manages two landmark venues, the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater. Omaha Performing Arts also provides comprehensive ticketing services for cultural and performing arts within the region through Ticket Omaha.

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