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**TICKETS FOR SOPRANO PRODIGY JACKIE EVANCHO
GO ON SALE MONDAY, JULY 18**

***Jackie Evancho Will Perform a Concert Celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the
Holland Center on Friday, August 26***

OMAHA, NEBRASKA – July 12, 2011 – Tickets will go on sale Monday, July 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. for Jackie Evancho, the eleven-year-old girl with the extraordinary voice who won the hearts of millions of TV viewers last summer when she appeared on the NBC reality show “America’s Got Talent.”

Tickets for Jackie Evancho start at \$45 and can be purchased at the Ticket Omaha Office in the Holland Performing Arts Center, 13th and Douglas streets; online at TicketOmaha.com; or by calling 402.345.0606.

The soprano prodigy comes to the acoustically acclaimed Holland Performing Arts Center on Friday, August 26 at 8:00 p.m. This opening concert for the 2011-2012 Omaha Performing Arts season is also in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the Holland Performing Arts Center. Evancho will sing a repertoire ranging from classical arias and pop classics to Oscar-winning tunes. The selections are from her recently released classical crossover album *Dream With Me* and her PBS special produced by the legendary David Foster.

A contestant on the hit NBC talent show “America’s Got Talent” in 2010, Evancho catapulted into the quarter finals round when her unaffectedly pure performance of Puccini’s “O Mio Babbino Caro” handily won the show’s YouTube round. Evancho performed five times on the show over the summer, finishing in second place. Her astonishing classical crossover soprano performances marked the arrival of a major musical talent.

A Pittsburgh native, Evancho first began singing on the cusp of her 8th birthday after experiencing “The Phantom of the Opera” on DVD. She launched her own YouTube channel

and started vocal lessons a few months later. She performed at local talent shows, going on to high profile events, including singing the national anthem at Pittsburgh Pirates games.

“We are thrilled to present Jackie Evancho as part of our 2011-2012 season. Being among the first on her tour, it is the perfect way to celebrate five years of performances at the Holland Center,” said Joan Squires, president of Omaha Performing Arts.

Evancho’s first full-length album, *Dream With Me*, was released in June and is produced by Foster, who has worked with artists such as Celine Dion, Josh Groban, Michael Bublé, Beyoncé, Prince and Barbra Streisand. Evancho comes into her own with this album, which includes two extraordinary superstar duets showcasing the young vocalist performing with musical legend Barbra Streisand (singing “Somewhere” from *WEST SIDE STORY*) and international phenomenon Susan Boyle (singing “A Mother’s Prayer”).

“We are incredibly proud of Jackie and thrilled at how fantastic her album turned out,” said Lisa and Michael Evancho, the singer’s parents. “Making her first studio album has been a wonderful and exciting experience for Jackie, helping her grow as an artist and learn about music from some of the masters in the field.”

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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.