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## **POP, ROCK, WILDLY OUTRAGEOUS AND CLASSIC THEMES FOR OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS' BROADWAY SEASON**

### ***Tony® Award Winner JERSEY BOYS Opens 2011-2012 Broadway Season***

**OMAHA, NEB.** – March 7, 2011 -- From pop to classic to rock to wildly outrageous, the 2011-2012 Omaha Performing Arts-Broadway Across America season announced today has something for every theater taste. Season ticket packages for four memorable musicals at Omaha's Orpheum Theater will go on sale Monday, March 7 at 10:00 a .m. online at: [www.OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets](http://www.OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets) or by calling 402-345-0606. The balance of the Omaha Performing Arts' season with its numerous jazz, dance and popular entertainers will be announced later this spring.

The Broadway season kicks-off with the international award-winning hit musical **JERSEY BOYS**, the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. Winner of the 2006 Tony® Award for Best Musical, the 2006 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album and the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical, **JERSEY BOYS** is the story of how a group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds and sold 175 million records worldwide – all before they were thirty. “Oh What a Season Opener” when **JERSEY BOYS\*** comes to the Orpheum, Wednesday, September 7 through Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Omaha Performing Arts-Broadway Across America season ticket holders will be first in line to purchase **JERSEY BOYS** seats. The public will be able to purchase tickets later this spring.

**BLUE MAN GROUP\*** is best known for its wildly popular theatrical shows and concerts which combine comedy, music, and technology to produce a totally unique form of entertainment. The *New York Times* heralds the show as “One of the most delightful performance pieces ever staged.” *E! Entertainment News* exclaims, “**BLUE MAN GROUP** is what every live performance aspires to be.” The *Baltimore Sun* raves, “**BLUE MAN GROUP** packs a wallop. It's a big, loud, funny, silly, visually arresting production!”

Although it is impossible to describe, people of all ages agree that this is an intensely exciting and wildly outrageous show that leaves the entire audience in a blissful, euphoric state. With no spoken language, this show is perfect for people of all ages, languages and cultures.

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Now on the road for its first U.S. theatrical tour, this show is a unique experience; a form of entertainment like nothing else and guaranteed to be an outing the audience won't forget. **BLUE MAN GROUP** comes to the Orpheum Theater Tuesday, January 17 through Sunday, January 22, 2012.

In 1987 on the Sunset Strip, a small town girl met a big city rocker and in LA's most famous rock club, they fell in love to the greatest songs of the '80s. It's five time 2009 Tony Award® nominee **ROCK OF AGES**,\* an arena-rock love story told through the mind-blowing, face-melting hits of **JOURNEY, NIGHT RANGER, STYX, REO SPEEDWAGON, PAT BENATAR, TWISTED SISTER, POISON, ASIA, WHITESNAKE** and many more. This awesomely good time about dreaming big, playing loud and partying on comes to the Orpheum Theater Tuesday, March 6 through Sunday, March 11, 2012. "Impossible to resist! As guilty as pleasures get," says Charles Isherwood, *New York Times*. "Rock and comedy in perfect proportion!" according to David Cote, *Time Out*.

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**,\* the Tony® Award-winning musical that has captured the hearts of people all over the world with its universal appeal, comes to the Orpheum Tuesday, April 24 through Sunday, April 29, 2012. Based on the stories of Sholom Aleichem, this show has been lauded by critics again and again, and won the hearts of people all around the world. Filled with a rousing, heartwarming score, which includes "Tradition," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset," **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** is a timeless classic. No other musical has so magically woven music, dance, poignancy and laughter into such an electrifying and unforgettable experience.

Season tickets to all four Omaha Performing Arts-Broadway Across America shows range from \$85 to \$357.\* In addition, season ticket holders receive these benefits:

- First in line to purchase tickets for **JERSEY BOYS**
- Priority purchasing period – buy before the general public
- Reduced rate season ticket packages 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 on many Omaha Performing Arts performances at the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater
- Easy, no-fee ticket exchanges within productions
- Travel benefits which include ticket exchange and purchasing privileges throughout the Broadway Across America network of 40+ cities in the U.S. and Canada

For more information on the Omaha Performing Arts-Broadway Across America 2011-2012 season go to: [www.OmahaPerformingArts.org/SeasonTickets](http://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](http://www.JerseyBoysinfo.com)

**BLUE MAN GROUP**, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, January 17-22, 2012, [www.bluman.com](http://www.bluman.com)

**ROCK OF AGES**, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, March 6- 11, 2012,  
[www.RockofAgesMusical.com](http://www.RockofAgesMusical.com)

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**, Orpheum Theater, Slosburg Hall, April 24- 29, 2012

\*All productions, performers, dates and times subject to change.

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**EDITOR NOTE:** Press Night for **JERSEY BOYS** is Friday, September 9, 2011.

## **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](http://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](http://BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com).

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