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### ***SOLD-OUT SECOND CITY SHOW CALLS FOR ENCORE PERFORMANCE***

Lincoln, NE—November 30, 2009—An additional performance of Second City will be added on Thursday, January 28, 2010 to meet the high demand of patrons wanting to attend the nearly sold-out first show. Comedy-improv group Second City, boasting a list of alumni that rank among comedy's finest, will bring their "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Best of Second City" show to the Lied Center for Performing Arts on Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29, both at 7:30 p.m.

Leaving audiences rolling in the aisles since 1959, The Second City began as a comedy theatre in Chicago and through the decades ushered through those who would go on to become the legends of stand-up and silver screen comedy. With alumni like Alan Alda, Dan Akroyd, Gilda Radner, John Candy, Jim Belushi, Chris Farley, Steve Carell, Steven Colbert and Tina Fey, the once small-scale troupe of satire and slapstick is now one of the most famous comedy theatres in the world. In 1967, the Second City Touring Company was formed, allowing the ensemble to bring their hilarious improv and sketch comedy to locations across the United States. Called "absolutely hysterical," "spew-on-your-shirt funny," and "edgy...provocative" by reviewers, Second City leaves no stone unturned... or public figure untouched, in their irreverent, wisecracking comedy act.

Second City TV was formed in 1976 and during its seven year run garnered 13 Emmy nominations, winning two for Best Writing. The company has also produced several feature films as well as television specials and series on HBO, ABC and CBC. In addition to their successful touring company, Second City operates resident live theaters that create original comedy revues in Chicago, Toronto, Las Vegas and Detroit.

This performance is possible in part by generous support from Whitehead Oil Company.

Tickets for this performance are \$29 and \$19. Students at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (as well as other participating colleges) with a valid I.D., as well as youth age 18 and younger, may purchase tickets for half price. Call the Lied Ticket Office at (402) 472-4747 or (800) 432-3231 for availability. Regular ticket office hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. For weekday evening performances, Lied Center Ticket Office hours are from 11 a.m. until 30 minutes after show time. The Lied Center is located on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at 301 North 12th Street. Tickets may also be purchased online at [www.liedcenter.org](http://www.liedcenter.org).

As part of the Lied Center's ongoing education programming, a pre-performance talk by Beth Muehling, member and co-founder of the Lyp-Schtick Improv Troupe, will be held in the Lied Center's Steinhart Room. Seating is limited in the Steinhart, and the pre-talk will begin a half hour before curtain or when the room is full.

The Lied Center's 20th season is supported by Friends of Lied and Union Bank. All events in the Lied Center are made possible entirely or in part by the Lied Performance Fund, which has been established in memory of Ernst F. Lied and his parents, Ernst M. and Ida K. Lied. The Nebraska Arts Council, a state agency, has supported the programs of this organization through its matching grants program funded by the Nebraska Legislature; the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency; and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment. For more information, call the Nebraska Arts Council at (402) 595-2122.

For more information about **Second City**, visit <http://www.secondcity.com>.

