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JOIN US TO EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST ARTISTS IN THE WORLD

Sharing an exceptional performing arts experience with family and friends is truly one of life's great joys. There are few times when we are more connected to those around us than when we're seated together in a theater, witnessing something thrilling or inspirational or entertaining. For an hour or two, we escape the real world and travel to a place of laughter, romance, beauty, excitement, culture and so many things that fill our souls.

Every season at the Lied is unique, combining encore performances from legendary artists with breathtaking talent that has never before graced the Lied Center stage. This season we are thrilled to welcome back many of our favorite artists of all time! **Yo-Yo Ma, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, Boston Pops**, and **Canadian Brass** all return to the Lied Center as many of our community's favorite artists of all time.

It's a big year for orchestral music as we welcome the **Philadelphia Orchestra** back to Lincoln! Recognized as one of the "Big Five" American orchestras, this nationally treasured ensemble is celebrating 125 years of musical excellence as one of the top orchestras in the world. It's been over 25 years since this orchestra has filled the Lied Center with music. Plus, America's orchestra returns! The beloved **Boston Pops** orchestra, celebrating the music of John Williams under the baton of Keith Lockhart, will deliver another celebrated performance.

It's going to be a thrilling year in family entertainment, kicked off by **Disney's Frozen**! This Broadway spectacle takes over the Lied Center for two weeks in August, bringing the beloved smash-hit film to the stage. Speaking of Disney classics, we'll also welcome the live-to-film concert of **Moana**, featuring the full movie accompanied by a live Polynesian band. Illusionist **REZA** returns to the Lied after thrilling a sold-out crowd in 2023! He's one of the many artists whose dreams took shape right here at the Lied, and he takes great joy in creating magical experiences for the next generation of audiences. Youth graphic novel favorite **Dog Man** also makes his debut appearance at the Lied Center this season!

Your Create Your Own Season package gets you seats to the most popular shows in the season, including Glenn Korff Broadway series programs such as **Hadestown, The Music Man, A Christmas Story, Tina: The Tina Turner Musical**, and **SUFFS**, the new hit musical making its Nebraska premiere. Winner of the 2024 Tony® Awards for Best Score and Best Book of a Musical, this moving show tells the story of the brave, passionate, funny, inspirational women who fought to win the right for women to vote in the United States.

I could go on and on about this season (**Johnny Carson's 100th Birthday Celebration! Cirque Kalabante! Stars of American Ballet, The Soweto Gospel Choir! The 2025 Van Cliburn Gold Medalist!**), but I'll leave you the joy of uncovering all the treasures for yourself. You hold in your hands my invitation to experience countless date nights, outings with the family, or the best of times with friends featuring the world's best music, theater and dance artists. As a season ticket holder, you enjoy the best seats at the best prices! I hope you will join us for 5, 10 or 20+ shows, as there is something for everyone. Take the time now to plan and schedule your favorite moments of the year with us. Life is short. Eat the cake. Buy the tickets. Enjoy these once-in-a-lifetime moments that we can treasure together forever.

Bill Stephan,
Executive Director and Chief Artistic Officer

25 - 26 SHOW CALENDAR

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| AUG 15-24, 2025 | DISNEY'S FROZEN |
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| OCT 8-11, 2025 | TINA - THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL |
| OCT 17, 2025 | HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENMARK |
| OCT 22, 2025 | MARILYN MAYE |
| OCT 23, 2025 | CARSON TONIGHT 100 |
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| FEB 14, 2026 | THE BEST OF THE SECOND CITY |
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| FEB 20, 2026 | GUNHILD CARLING |
| FEB 28, 2026 | BOSTON POPS |
| MAR 5-8, 2026 | THE MUSIC MAN |
| MAR 10, 2026 | OLGA KERN, PIANO |
| MAR 12-22, 2026 | ANGELS THEATRE COMPANY'S THE ROCKET MEN |
| MAR 14, 2026 | THE FAB FOUR |
| MAR 19, 2026 | STARS OF AMERICAN BALLET |
| MAR 22, 2026 | DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT |
| MAR 26, 2026 | THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA |
| APR 4, 2026 | RED HOT CHILLI PIPERS |
| APR 9-12, 2026 | CAPITAL CITY |
| APR 16, 2026 | SONS OF SERENDIP |
| APR 17, 2026 | THE MOTH |
| APR 18, 2026 | REZA |
| APR 24-25, 2026 | METRO JAZZ QUINTET: TITANS OF JAZZ |
| MAY 5-10, 2026 | SUFFS |
| MAY 22, 2026 | HERMAN'S HERMITS STARRING PETER NOONE |
| JUN 18, 2026 | GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA |



NEBRASKA REPERTORY THEATRE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA,
LIED CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS
PRODUCTION OF

Disney
FROZEN
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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AUG 15 - 24, 2025

For the first time in forever, experience the musical phenomenon that has taken the world by storm! Based on the Academy Award®-winning animated feature film, Disney's *Frozen* includes all the film's beloved songs by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, along with new music written exclusively for the stage.

In the beautiful mountainous kingdom of Arendelle, Princesses Anna and Elsa grow up sheltered inside their castle, isolated from the world and increasingly distant from each other. When Elsa is crowned queen, the magical powers she's desperately tried to conceal from her sister take control, and she flees into the mountains. As a ferocious winter descends on Arendelle, Anna sets off on an epic journey to find Elsa and bring her home - with the help of hardworking ice harvester Kristoff, his loyal reindeer Sven, and a happy-go-lucky snowman named Olaf.

Full of magic, humor, and a stunning musical score, *Frozen* is a powerful tale of sisterhood, acceptance, and finding the real meaning of true love.

The Lied Center's continued partnership with the Nebraska Repertory Theatre makes it possible to license this production of Disney's *Frozen* through Music Theatre International. This production at the Lied Center features top professional talent from across the country. Produced in association with: Pittsburgh CLO, Kansas City Starlight Theatre, University of Nebraska: Nebraska Repertory Theatre & Lied Center for Performing Arts.

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METRO JAZZ QUINTET



LIED COMMONS
TABLE SEATING

Following sold-out 2023-24 and 2024-25 Season performances, experience jazz “club style” with all new programs from the Metro Jazz Quintet in the intimate setting of the Lied Commons. This exciting quintet of superb Nebraska jazz musicians performs a wide variety of music from your favorite legendary jazz composers. The Lied Commons club scene features table seating, a candlelight atmosphere, and cocktails available for purchase throughout the evening.

SEP 26-27, 2025 7:30 PM

BROADWAY LIGHTS & HOLLYWOOD DREAMS:

Greatest Hits From The Broadway Stage & Silver Screen!

FEB 6-7, 2026 7:30 PM

MY FUNNY VALENTINE:

Songs Of Love From The Rich Tradition Of Jazz!

APR 24-25, 2026 7:30 PM

TITANS OF JAZZ:

The Music of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Stan Getz and More!



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"BRINGS ELECTRICITY TO
BROADWAY!"

Entertainment

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Tina

THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

OCT 8-11, 2025

TINA-The Tina Turner Musical is the triumphant story of the Queen of Rock n' Roll set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of her most beloved hits! *TINA-The Tina Turner Musical* presents Tina's journey against all odds to become one of the world's most beloved artists of all time. Featuring iconic songs, including "What's Love Got To Do With It," "Proud Mary," and "Hero", *TINA-The Tina Turner Musical* is written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Katori Hall.

Recommended for ages 14+.

The production includes scenes depicting domestic violence, racist language, loud music, strobe lighting, haze, and gun shots.

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HAMLET

PRINCE OF DENMARK

FRI, OCT 17, 2025  7:30PM

"TO BE, OR NOT TO BE, THAT IS THE QUESTION."

Experience Shakespeare's exhilarating tale of revenge, love, and madness in a groundbreaking collaboration between Toronto dance company Côté Danse and renowned multidisciplinary company Ex Machina. This spectacular fusion of theater and dance combines the artistic visions of Robert Lepage (Cirque du Soleil, The Metropolitan Opera) and Côté Danse's founder Guillaume Côté in "a can't-miss dance event of the year" (The Toronto Guardian). Immerse yourself in a world of deceptive appearances, where ghosts and humans rub shoulders among light and shadows in this innovative retelling of the classic Shakespearean drama.



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MARILYN MAYE

WED, OCT 22,
2025

7:30PM



JOHNNY CARSON THEATER

The legendary Marilyn Maye holds the record for the most guest appearances by a singer on the *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, with 76 show-stopping features that led Johnny to dub her the "Super Singer." A timeless icon who has been entertaining audiences for over eight decades, Manhattan's Queen of Cabaret is thrilled to be part of celebrating Johnny Carson's 100th birthday. Maye is a consummate entertainer who breathes new life into classics, carrying the torch from her peers who originated tunes of the Great American Songbook. Expect to hear entertaining stories of her time on *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*!

The *Houston Chronicle* termed her "A National Treasure," and the Smithsonian Institution chose her recording of "Too Late Now" for its Best Compositions of the 20th Century permanent collection, alongside artists including Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, and Judy Garland. Maye regularly performs for capacity crowds at NYC's 54 Below, and made her Carnegie Hall solo concert debut in 2023.

**"I CALL HER JUST PLAIN
MIRACULOUS."**

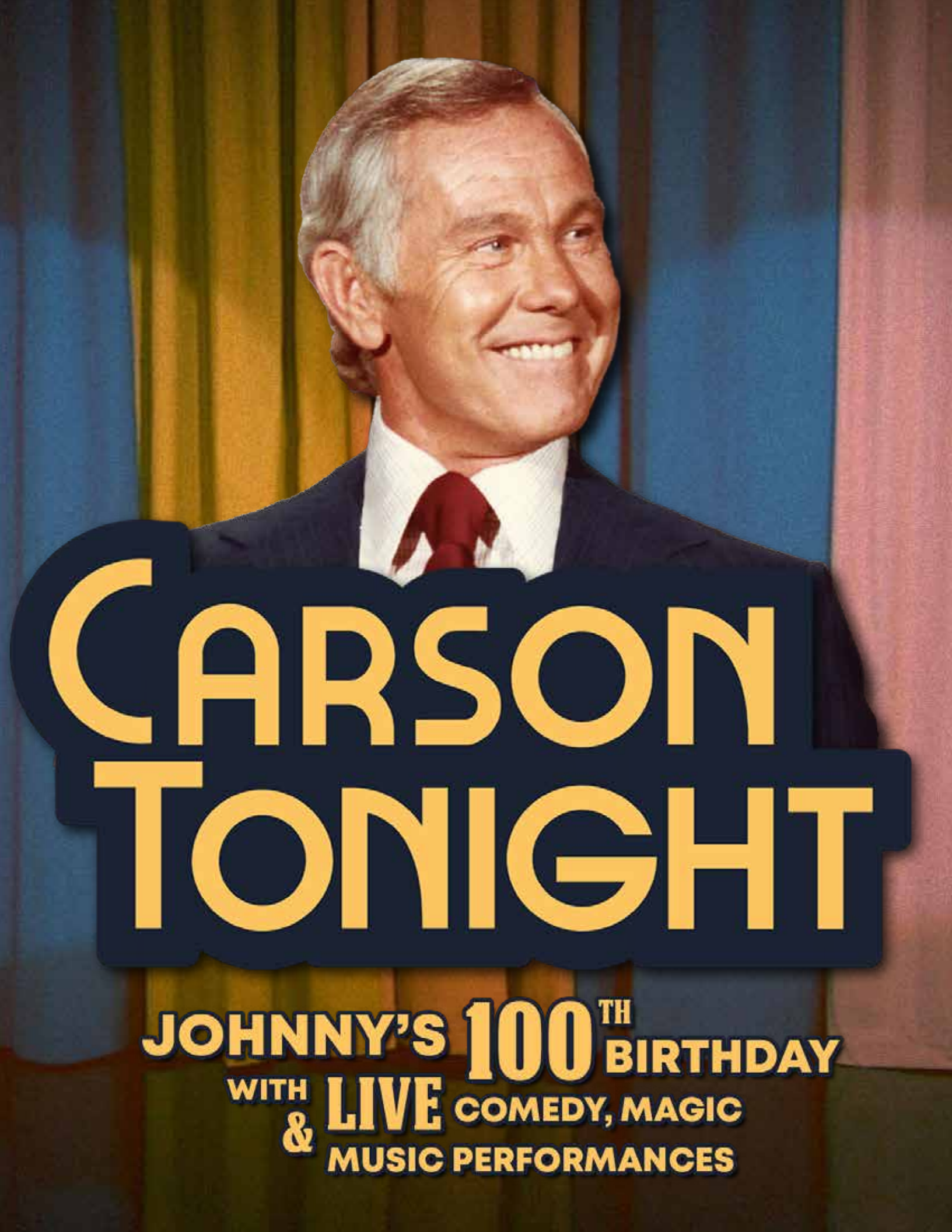
-Rex Reed, *The New
York Observer*

**"A CONSUMMATE
MASTER OF THE STAGE"**

-Wynton Marsalis

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CARSON TONIGHT

JOHNNY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY
WITH & LIVE COMEDY, MAGIC
MUSIC PERFORMANCES

THU, OCT 23, 2025 7:30 PM

Relive all the magic and laughter of Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show* with the talented artists who were featured guests during Johnny's extraordinary 30-year late-night run. This special one-time event is hosted by Seinfeld writer, Pat Hazell with live performances by Master Magician, Lance Burton; comedians Wil Shriner and Carol Leifer; Singer, Marilyn Maye; Variety Acts, Mike Caveney & Tina Lenert and the full UNL Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Greg Simon, plus amazing highlights of Johnny's most memorable moments and characters. Come join us in celebrating Nebraska's favorite son on his centennial birthday.

In partnership with Carson Entertainment Group.

MARILYN MAYE



UNL JAZZ ORCHESTRA



LANCE BURTON



WIL SHRINER



MIKE CAVENEY



CAROL LEIFER



PAT HAZELL



TINA LENERT





TUE, OCT 28, 2025



7:00PM

Set sail with Moana in this unforgettable experience! Disney Concerts and AMP Worldwide present *Disney's Moana Live-To-Film Concert* North American tour, featuring a full-length screening of the beloved movie on the Lied Center's giant screen, accompanied by live performances of a unique on-stage musical ensemble of top Hollywood studio musicians, Polynesian rhythm masters and vocalists, celebrating the music and songs from this award-winning Walt Disney Animation Studios' classic, including GRAMMY® Award-winning hit "How Far I'll Go".

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JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS

SUN, NOV 2,
2025
7:00PM

"THE JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA IS RIDICULOUSLY TIGHT, EXECUTING TRICKY MANEUVERS LIKE A FIGHTER JET."*-DownBeat Magazine*

Experience an evening of unparalleled artistry and musical mastery with the sensational Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra led by nine-time GRAMMY® Award winning trumpeter and music director Wynton Marsalis. Bringing the art form of jazz from the heart of New York City to audiences around the world, this sensational 15-member ensemble celebrates the spirit of jazz and its enduring influence performing a vast repertoire from historic compositions to newly commissioned works.

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DOG MAN

The Musical®



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SUN, NOV 9, 2025



4:00PM

Based on the worldwide bestselling hit series by Dav Pilkey, *Dog Man: The Musical* is a hilarious and heartwarming production following the chronicles of Dog Man, who with the head of a dog and the body of a policeman, loves to fight crime and chew on the furniture. But while trying his best to be a good boy, can he save the city from Flippy the cyborg fish and his army of Beastly Buildings? Can he catch Petey, the world's most evil cat, who has cloned himself to exact revenge on the doggy do-gooder? And will George and Harold finish their show before lunchtime?? Find out in this epic musical adventure featuring the hilarity and heart of beloved characters from Dav Pilkey, the creator of *Captain Underpants* and *Cat Kid Comic Club*. Book and lyrics are by Kevin Del Aguila, music is by Brad Alexander, and original direction and choreography is by Jen Wineman.

Recommended for ages 6+.

"A HOWLING GOOD TIME. THIS SHOW IS PERFECT FOR EVERYONE." – Newsday

SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR PEACE

Photographs: Stefan Weckers



THU, NOV 13, 2025

7:30PM

***"THE SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR IS NOTHING LESS THAN AN INTERNATIONAL TREASURE."* – Jazz Times**

***"THE SONGS WERE BOTH SPIRITED AND SPECTACULAR."* – The New York Times**

With their concert entitled "PEACE," the multi-GRAMMY® and EMMY Award®-winning SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR presents a joyful program of South African freedom songs, traditional spirituals, and classics. The inspirational concert will also feature the spirited music of Aretha Franklin, Harry Belafonte, Peter Gabriel, Kate Bush, Leonard Cohen, and more! For more than 20 years, the Choir has celebrated the unique power of African gospel music and has established itself as "nothing less than an international treasure." Heralded by Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Barack Obama, and Oprah Winfrey, SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR excites audiences worldwide, uplifting the soul and spreading joy through its earthy rhythms, rich harmonies, brilliant costumes, and infectious spirit.

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YO-YO MA

THU, DEC 4, 2025

7:30PM

Yo-Yo has recorded more than 120 albums, is the winner of 19 GRAMMY® Awards, and has performed for nine American presidents. He has received numerous awards, including the National Medal of the Arts, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, has been a United Nations Messenger of Peace since 2006, and was recognized as the Lied Center's inaugural Artist of Distinction.

Experience his return to the Lied Center for a special one-night-only performance!

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CANADIAN BRASS CHRISTMAS

FRI, DEC 5 2025
7:30PM

The world's most famous brass quintet returns to the Lied Center to make the holiday season merry and bright! Featuring original arrangements and signature takes on beloved holiday classics including, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Christmastime is Here" the spirit and sparkle of Canadian Brass has earned them a loyal legion of fans worldwide.

"CANADIAN BRASS'S HOLIDAY SHOW IS A SPIRITED CELEBRATION, FULL OF INFECTIOUS HUMOR, HEARTFELT MOMENTS, AND SUPERB ARTISTRY."

- Los Angeles Times



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*Broadway's Turkey-Eating, Gift-Giving,
Triple-Dog-Daring Musical!*



DEC 16-21, 2025

From the songwriting team behind *The Greatest Showman*, the Tony Award®-winning musical *Dear Evan Hansen* and the Academy Award®-winning film *La La Land*, *A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL*, brings the classic 1983 movie to hilarious life on stage! Set in 1940s Indiana, a young and bespectacled Ralphie Parker schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams, an official Red Ryder® Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle. An infamous leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a maniacal department store Santa, and a triple-dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the distractions that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas wish. Nominated for three 2013 Tony® Awards including Best Musical, the Associated Press calls *A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL* "a joyous Christmas miracle."

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A promotional poster for the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas concert. The background is a dark, ornate hall with a large, brightly lit Christmas tree in the center. The tree is decorated with gold lights, red ornaments, and white starburst decorations. To the left of the tree is a drum set, and to the right is a grand piano. Blue and white light rays emanate from behind the tree, creating a festive atmosphere. At the top, the text 'MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER' is in a white, serif font. Below it, 'Christmas' is written in a large, white, cursive script with a gold star above the 'i'. Underneath 'Christmas' is 'by Chip Davis' in a smaller, white, cursive script. In the top right corner, there is a small icon of a speaker with sound waves.

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER

Christmas *by Chip Davis*



TUE, DEC 23, 2025 — 7:30PM

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS by Chip Davis has been America's favorite holiday tradition for 40 years! GRAMMY Award® winner Chip Davis has created a show that features Mannheim Steamroller Christmas classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound. The program includes 15 musicians playing more than 20 instruments against a backdrop of dazzling multimedia effects – capturing the spirit of the season.

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HADESTOWN

BROADWAY'S TONY® AND GRAMMY®-WINNING BEST MUSICAL

BY ANAÏS MITCHELL

ORIGINALLY
DIRECTED BY RACHEL CHAVKIN

JAN 16 - 18, 2026

COME SEE HOW THE WORLD COULD BE.

Welcome to *HADESTOWN*, where a song can change your fate. Winner of eight 2019 Tony® Awards including Best Musical and the 2020 GRAMMY® Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed new show from celebrated singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell and original director Rachel Chavkin (*Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*) is a love story for today...and always.

Intertwining two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone — *HADESTOWN* is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go.

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GABRIELA MONTERO

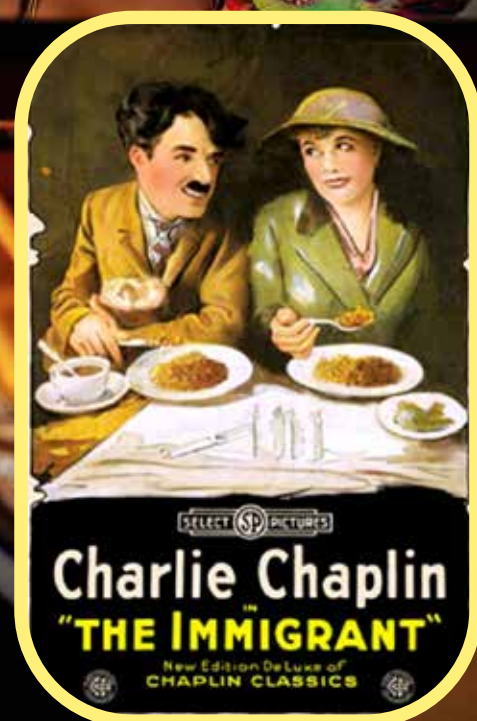
PIANO

MON, JAN 26,
2026
7:30 PM

Gabriela Montero's visionary interpretations and unique compositional gifts have garnered her critical acclaim and a devoted following on the world stage. *The New York Times* proclaimed "Montero's playing had everything: crackling rhythmic brio, subtle shadings, steely power ... soulful lyricism ... unsentimental expressivity." Celebrated for her exceptional ability to improvise, in her Lied Center return Montero will perform a real-time improvised score for a screening of Charlie Chaplin's film *The Immigrant*, in addition to works by Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, and Stravinsky.

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"EXPLOSIVE DRUMMING AND DANCE ROUTINES, THE GROUP DELIVERED MIND-BLOWING ACROBATIC SEQUENCES WITH EXTRAORDINARY PRECISION." -Vice Magazine

CIRQUE KALABANTÉ

THU, FEB 5, 2026

7:30PM

Cirque Kalabanté's unforgettable 'Afrique en Cirque' celebrates the beauty and artistry of African culture as acrobats execute gravity-defying moves and human pyramids, accompanied by the contemporary sounds of live Afro-Jazz, percussion, and kora. This vibrant spectacle of colorful rhythms, innovative choreography, and jaw-dropping acrobatics represents the strength, agility and joys of life in Guinea. Prepare for an unforgettable journey!





VAN CLIBURN GOLD MEDALIST

SUN, FEB 8, 2026



4:00PM

Once every four years, a new gold medalist emerges from the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. As Nebraska's official Van Cliburn presenter since 1994, the Lied Center presents the newly awarded Van Cliburn Gold Medalist for the first time. With previous winners including Yunchan Lim, Olga Kern, Vadym Kholodenko, and Jon Nakamatsu, the Cliburn is widely considered to be "one of the most prestigious contests in classical music" (*The New York Times*).

THE BEST OF *The Second City*

65 YEARS OF FUNNY



FAMOUS ALUMNI INCLUDE:



JOHN BELUSHI—1971



JOHN CANDY—1973



DAN AKROYD—1973



BILL MURRAY—1973



MARTIN SHORT—1977



JIM BELUSHI—1978



MIKE MEYERS—1986



CHRIS FARLEY—1989



STEVE CARELL—1991



STEPHEN COLBERT—1993



TINA FEY—1996



JASON SUDEIKIS—2001

SAT, FEB 14, 2026

7:30PM

Celebrating its 65th anniversary, the world's most influential name in comedy returns to the Lied Center! From the stages that launched icons like Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Keegan-Michael Key, and so many more comes *The Best of The Second City*! This high-energy show blends signature improv comedy with hilarious songs, classic characters, and timeless sketches - handpicked from our rich comedy archive, written by the world's funniest minds, and reimagined by today's boldest comedic voices. Step into the legacy that's been redefining comedy for 65 years.

Photo by Jeremy Daniel. L-R: Arturo Hernandez, Sonia Roman, Markia Nicole Smith, Bryce Hayden, Sarah Hogewood, Wesley Slade



"THERE'S SO MUCH JOY, IT'S HARD NOT TO SMILE FROM EAR TO EAR!" -Seattle's Child



Art © Mo Willems

THU, FEB 19, 2026 6:30PM

Whatever you do, don't let the Pigeon star in his own musical production! With a script written by Mo Willems, the creator of the #1 New York Times best-selling "Pigeon" picture books, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* is even more fun than staying up late and having a hot dog party! Featuring an innovative mix of songs and feathers, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical!* is sure to get everyone's wings flapping.



Join us before the show for FamFest!
Doors open at 5:00 PM for FREE games, crafts, & activities, plus FREE treats

GUNHILD CARLING

FRI, FEB 20, 2026
7:30PM

Known as “the wonder woman of jazz”, Swedish multi-instrumentalist Gunhild Carling truly can do it all! A master of instruments including trombone, bagpipes, recorder, banjo, ukulele, harp, and sometimes up to three trumpets at once, Carling brings high-energy vintage swing to the stage with jaw-dropping skill and theatrical flair. Postmodern Jukebox has featured her talents in several videos that have gone massively viral, including a singing/tap dancing/ten-instrument jazz cover of Pharrell’s “Happy.” A dazzling entertainer with style to spare, *All About Jazz* raved “Sweden’s Gunhild Carling is truly a musical experience to behold.”



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Boston Pops



SAT, FEB 28, 2026 7:30PM

Led by conductor Keith Lockhart, the Boston Pops, known affectionately as "America's Orchestra," performs an exciting program honoring the United States' 250th Anniversary while celebrating the movie music of iconic composer John Williams. Williams composed the music for more than one hundred films, including *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Indiana Jones* and was the 19th conductor of the Boston Pops succeeding the legendary Arthur Fiedler. The orchestra remains one of the most recorded, familiar, and beloved ensembles in the world today.

"IN A STELLAR CELEBRATION OF CINEMA MUSIC, THE BOSTON POPS, UNDER THE EXPERT BATON OF CONDUCTOR KEITH LOCKHART, DELIVERED AN UNFORGETTABLE PERFORMANCE OF JOHN WILLIAMS'S ICONIC COMPOSITIONS."

- *Classical-scene.com*





MAR 5 - 8, 2026

There's trouble in River City when a fast-talking salesman gets his heart stolen by the town librarian. Meredith Willson's six-time, Tony® Award-winning musical comedy *The Music Man* follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize – this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

Featuring songs such as "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Trouble," "'Til There Was You," "Pickalittle," and "Gary, Indiana," *The Music Man* is a family-friendly story to be shared with every generation.

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OLGA KERN

PIANO



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TUE, MAR 10, 2026
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With a vivid onstage presence, dazzling technique, and keen musicality, pianist Olga Kern is widely recognized as one of the great artists of her generation, captivating audiences and critics alike.

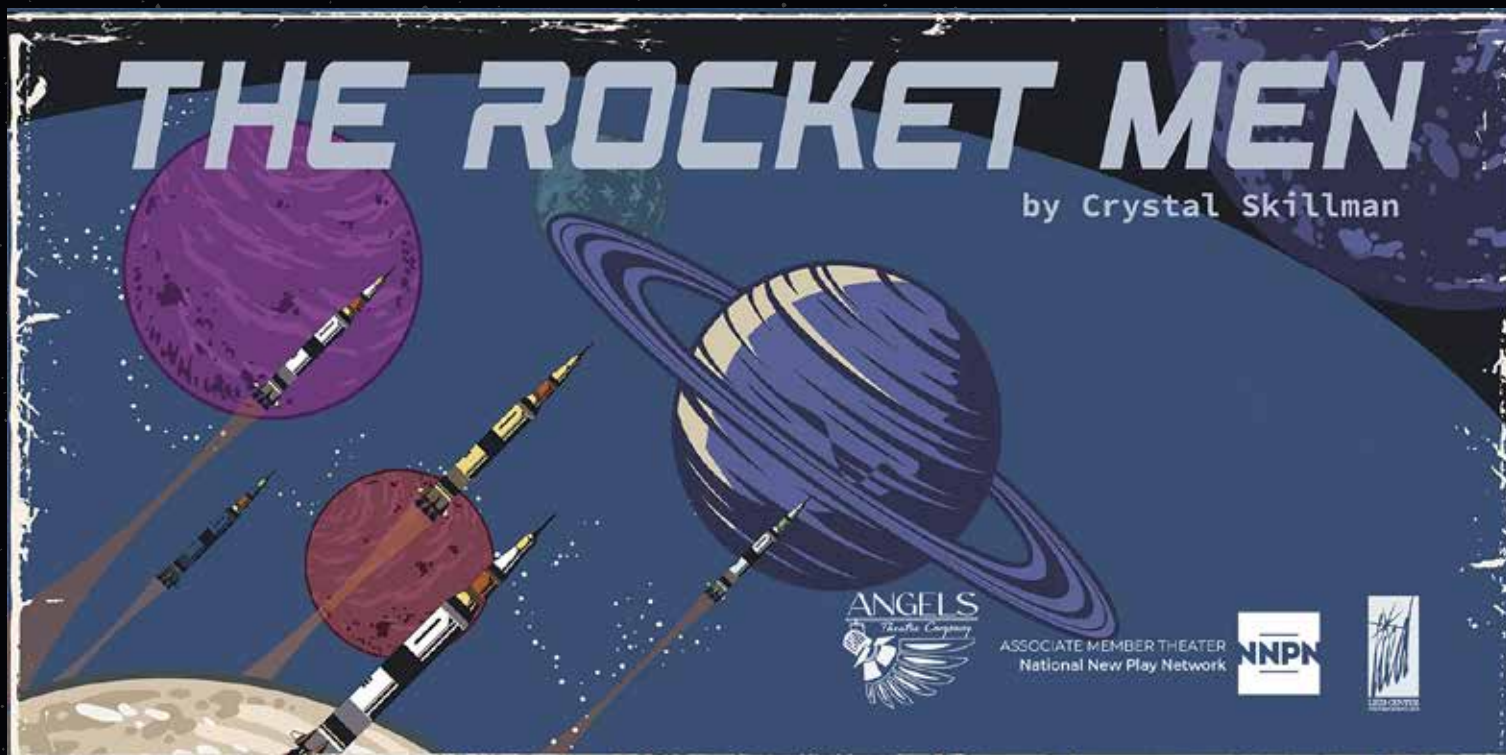
In 2001, Olga launched her U.S. career at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, winning a Gold Medal—the only woman in the last fifty years to do so. Olga performs riveting recitals throughout the world, playing at the Hollywood Bowl, Gilmore Piano Festival, and Chamber Music San Francisco as well as with top-tier ensembles, among them the St. Louis Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, Detroit Symphony, National Symphony Orchestra, and Czech Philharmonic, and Filarmonica della Scala.

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Six women step into the roles of the former Nazis who sent us to the moon to share with us a story about the team that formed the backbone of NASA in the most unlikely of places...North Alabama. Told through the point of view of Heinz- Hermann Koelle, a lesser-known young German rocketeer, who joined this "Operation Paperclip" team several years later, the play explores the dynamic relationship of Wernher von Braun and Koelle as these two have set their sights on space exploration and colonization beyond the moon. Still, as the play counts down to the launch of Apollo 11, Koelle is befriended by a Jewish engineer who is hell-bent on exposing the truth: the Germans' technology is based on the V-2 rockets built by slave labor more tied to Koelle's world than he can imagine. A startling new play about the intersection of scientific exploration and moral responsibility, *The Rocket Men* asks what it means "to be an American".

The Rocket Men is a new play by award-winning playwright Crystal Skillman. This unique production is part of a National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere happening across the country with The Phoenix Theatre, Synchronicity Theatre, and Angels Theatre.

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The Fab Four

SAT, MAR 14, 2026 7:30PM



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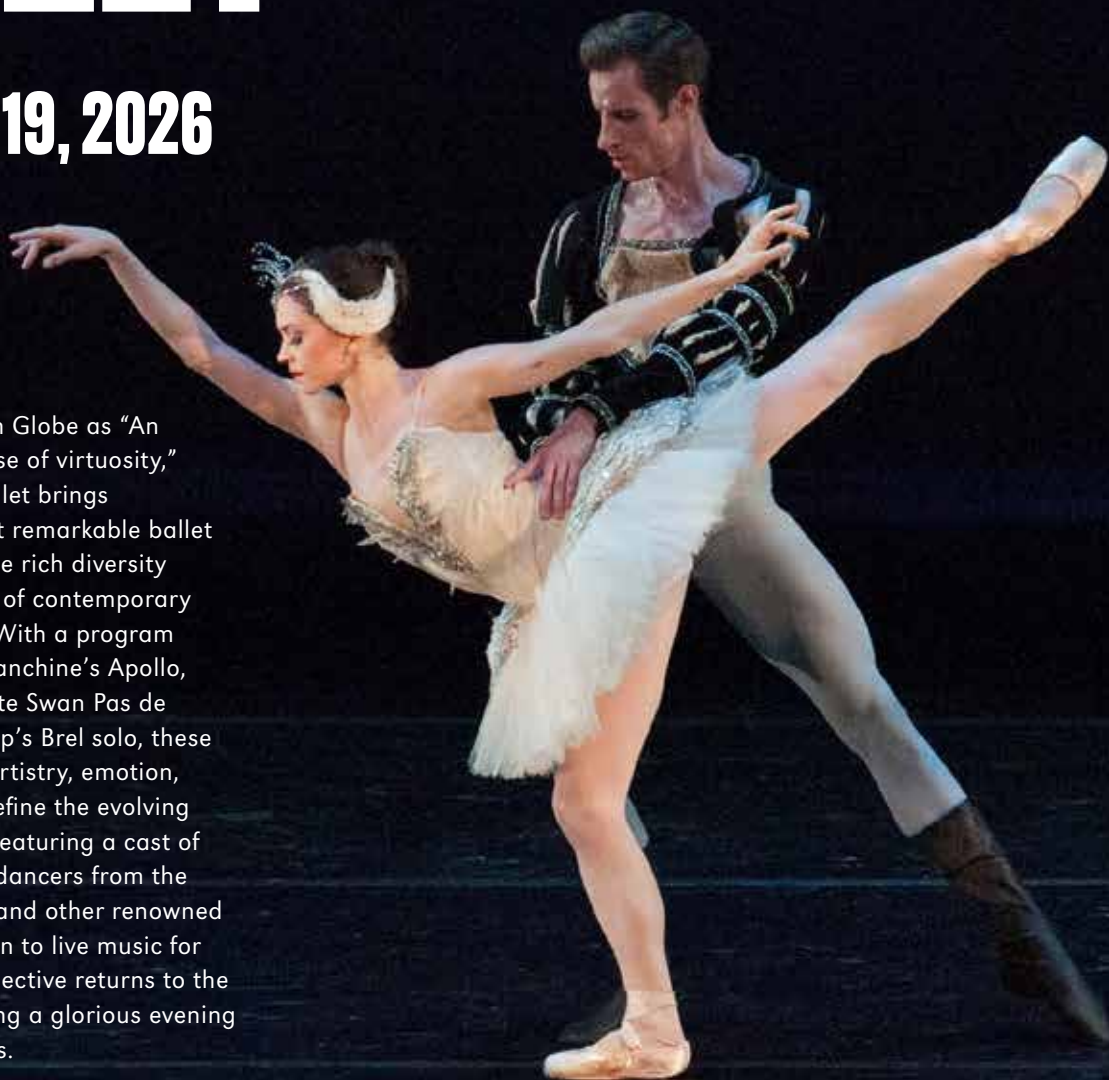
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STARS OF AMERICAN BALLET

THU, MAR 19, 2026

7:30PM

Praised by The Boston Globe as “An unapologetic showcase of virtuosity,” Stars of American Ballet brings together today’s most remarkable ballet talents to highlight the rich diversity and expressive range of contemporary and classical dance. With a program including George Balanchine’s Apollo, Petipa’s timeless White Swan Pas de Deux, and Twyla Tharp’s Brel solo, these works celebrate the artistry, emotion, and versatility that define the evolving landscape of ballet. Featuring a cast of principal and soloist dancers from the New York City Ballet and other renowned companies, in addition to live music for select pieces, this collective returns to the Lied Center celebrating a glorious evening of ballet masterpieces.



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DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT is the classic film's first live film-to-concert experience! Enjoy the digitally remastered hit film like never before on a full-size cinema screen, with a live band and singers performing the film's iconic songs. With a soundtrack that marked a generation, *DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT* brings a thrilling new experience to the 80s classic. Directly following the film, the band and singers will throw an encore party that will take you back to the time of your life as you sing and dance along to your favorite *Dirty Dancing* songs. Immerse yourself in the timeless romance and experience one of the most memorable movies of the past 35 years - live!

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THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

● THU, MAR 26, 2026 ● 8:00PM

MARIN ALSOP,
PRINCIPAL GUEST
CONDUCTOR

PROGRAM

BEETHOVEN LEONORE OVERTURE NO. 3, OP. 72B

BRAHMS VARIATIONS ON A THEME OF JOSEPH HAYDN, OP. 56A

SCHUMANN SYMPHONY NO. 2 IN C MAJOR, OP. 61

The world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra returns to Nebraska for a historic concert marking only their third performance on the Lied Center stage. Praised by *The New York Times* as “a formidable musician and a powerful communicator” as well as “a conductor with a vision”, Marin Alsop leads the orchestra in a program featuring Beethoven’s dramatic Leonore Overture No. 3, Brahms’ intricate Variations on a Theme of Joseph Haydn, and Schumann’s masterwork Symphony No. 2.

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– Paul McCartney

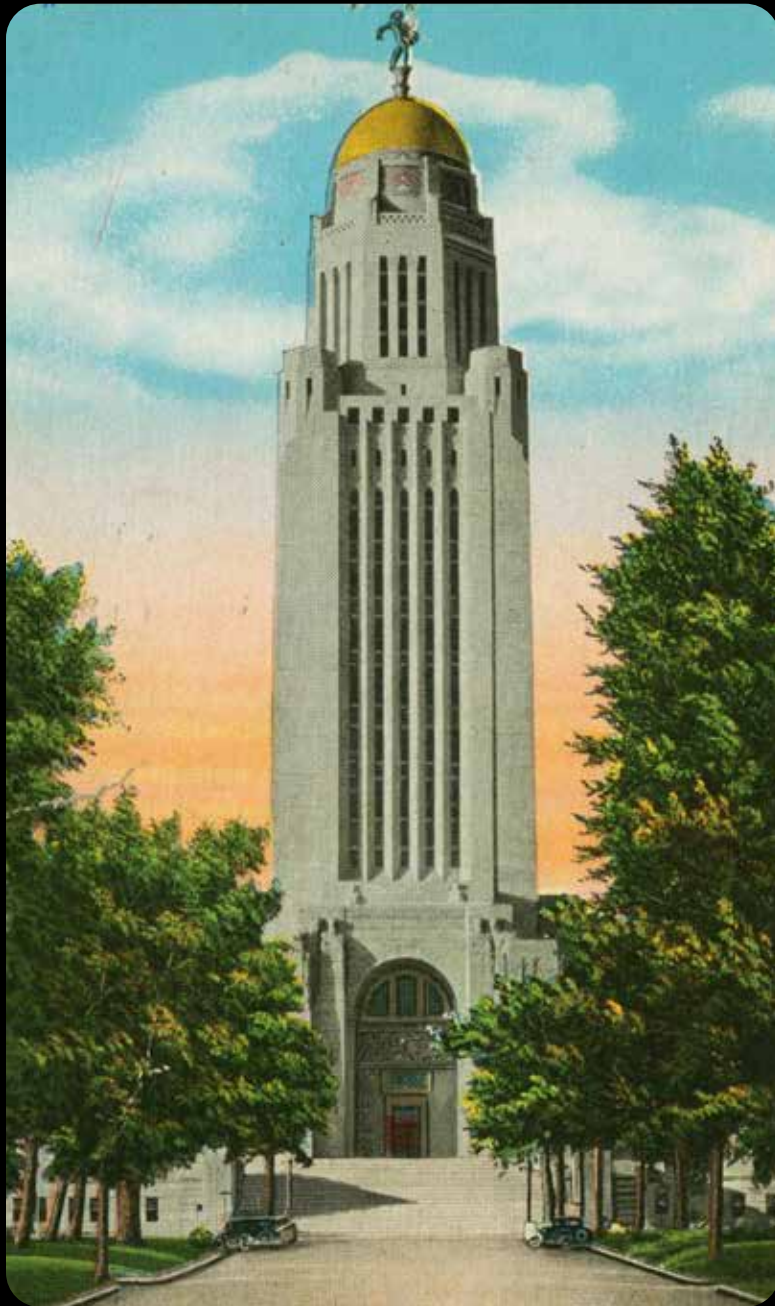
SAT, APR 4, 2026
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Get ready for a bagpipe-powered concert like you've never seen before! The Red Hot Chilli Pipers (yes, pipers) fuse traditional Scottish music with classic rock anthems—from Queen to AC/DC—with explosive energy and humor. "Bagpipes with attitude, drums with a Scottish accent, and a show that leaves you breathless!" — *BBC Scotland*. A global phenomenon that's equal parts rock concert and Highland fling—prepare to be blown away.



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CAPITAL CITY

APR 9-12, 2026



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Money. Corruption. Murder. Welcome to *Capital City*. In this searing original play inspired by Nebraska author Mari Sandoz' infamous novel *Capital City*, the Great Depression has split the people of a fictional Midwestern city in two: the rich and the poor. What lengths will the have-nots go to gain back their land, homes, and dignity? How far will the haves go to make sure they control it all?

Performed in Animal Engine Theatre Company's signature physical style, actors create a richly detailed portrait of shanty towns, high society balls, striking workers, backroom schemes, and more with just their bodies and song.

An original commission from the Lied Center of Nebraska, Animal Engine returns to the Lied after performing their popular Willa Cather-inspired epic *Henrietta Solway* in 2023.

"[Sons of Serendip] are the most musically talented contestants on the show."

-Howie Mandel (America's Got Talent)

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got Talent**
FINALIST



SONS OF SERENDIP

THU, APR 16, 2026
7:30PM

Billboard charting classical-crossover quartet, Sons of Serendip, won the hearts of fans and judges alike as finalists on *America's Got Talent* (NBC) with their ethereal and emotionally stirring interpretations of pop music, arranged with a unique blend of vocals, harp, piano, and cello. Sons of Serendip has lifted up audiences across the world including collaborations with the Boston Pops, Cynthia, and at Oprah Winfrey's 2020 Vision Tour. From heartwarming ballads to powerful anthems, Sons of Serendip delivers an unforgettable musical experience steeped in grace and soul.



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“Like all of the best Broadway musicals, *Suffs* humanizes, empowers, moves, and entertains.” *Chicago Tribune*

Recommended for ages 10+. Mature language.

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**THU, JUN 18,
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2. Double check your order! Errors on your order form can delay the process, as it requires you to be contacted for clarification.

3. Donate to the Friends of Lied! Members receive benefits such as early access to buy tickets and prime seating. For more information visit the Friends of Lied website: liedcenter.org/Friends.

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SELECTING YOUR OWN SEATS*

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301 North 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

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- Our ticket office staff will select seats for you based on your location preferences*

*** NOTE:** Friends of Lied members at all giving levels and past season ticket holders are encouraged to place orders as soon as possible for access to the widest variety of seating options. Access to prime seating is a donor benefit at the top levels of giving starting at \$1,000.

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