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It's a very exciting time to be part of the Lied Center family!

You've no doubt heard by now that the historic smash hit musical *Hamilton* will be coming to the Lied in August of 2023 for a 16-performance run. I was honored to make the big announcement at a press conference early in March alongside Lincoln Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, UNL Chancellor Ronnie Green, and Lincoln Chamber of Commerce President Jason Ball.

We've also just announced the rest of our 2022-2023 Glenn Korff Broadway Series, and it's going to be a truly spectacular year at the Lied Center! From the Nebraska premiere of the groundbreaking *Jagged Little Pill* to the razzle-dazzle of *Chicago* and so much more, there's truly something for everyone. Broadway season subscriptions are on sale now, and we look forward to seeing you at many performances next season!

As we head into this thrilling new season, I want to once again thank the Friends who have been so instrumental in the success of the Lied Center since its founding, but in particular in the last two years. A special thank you to the gala chairs and committee who worked so hard and pulled off a wonderful event this past month!

Thank you, as always, for being a supporter of the Lied Center and the arts in Nebraska. With your support, we're proving time and time again that there's no dream too big at the Lied Center!



JAN COOK
President | Friends of Lied
Board of Directors

The Friends of Lied raised a record net amount of over \$100,000 at our biennial gala, A Night in the EmeraLIED City. We also had a record number of event sponsors and over 350 guests attended the event. Support for silent and live auctions was outstanding. The Friends of Lied Board is so appreciative of all who supported our fundraising event. It was nothing short of amazing!

The coming weeks promise to be exciting at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Broadway will take the stage! A pre-performance dinner was held before *Jersey Boys* and we will also have one for *The Band's Visit* and *The Righteous Brothers* performances. These dinners are held at the Lied Commons. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Lied, this is a great opportunity to learn about membership.

Reservations can be made at www.liedcenter.org/dont-miss-these-events. Please join us!

cover: **OKLAHOMA!** comes to the Lied Center May 10 & 11. Tickets on sale now!



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Open House & Behind-the-Scenes Tour

On a very cold January 6th evening, Friends of Lied members at the Fabulous Friend level or higher were invited to a special Open House & Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Lied Center. Guests warmed up with hot cider and cookies before going on a small group tour with expert tour guides, Mark Moore, Steve Pearson, and Jesse Snyder. The guides provided lots of interesting information about the building and backstage happenings, including stories of specific artists. A favorite story was when Howie Mandel ended up on the Lied's catwalk (a narrow elevated walkway used for lighting and sound). A staff member heard someone whispering "help", and they had to escort Howie back down as he was scared of heights!



Friends of Lied Staff Appreciation Lunch

In early December, the Friends of Lied tipped their hats to the Lied Center staff. The staff members were thanked for all the help they provide to the Friends and for their dedication to making the Lied Center an outstanding performing arts center. The Doorstop Diner provided a western-themed chili lunch for staff to enjoy as a sit-down or a grab-and-go meal as they were preparing for a performance that evening. Lied Center Service Awards were given to staff members Matthew Boring (10 years), Steven Colonna (20 years), and Nancy Engen-Wedin (20 years).



EDUCATION AT THE LIED



Lied Center for Performing Arts Piano Academy July 11-15, 2022

Lied Center Piano Circle, Lied staff, and the Glenn Korff School of Music are excited to host the Lied Center Piano Academy once again this summer. LCPA is an auditioned camp designed for high school students entering freshman year of high school through freshman year of college fall 2022. This is a great opportunity to form lifelong relationships with young pianists who share the passion for music!

We are thrilled to welcome back Dr. Paul Barnes as our LCPA Artistic Director. Dr. Barnes is the Marguerite Scribante Professor of Music at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Glenn Korff School of Music and has been a part of the academy since its inception. The academy artist for 2022 is Jeannette Fang. Fang, along with GKSOM faculty and guest professional teaching artists, will provide the student pianists intensive training to raise their level of performance, engage in thought-provoking workshops, and gain access to other pianist peers. Sessions will include private lessons, master classes, career-development workshops, practice skills, performance practice, composition, and improvisation.

Lied Center for Performing Arts Triple Threat Broadway Intensive June 27-July 1, 2022

The Lied Center is excited to provide young talented performers in Nebraska with its annual summer Broadway Intensive!

This auditioned intensive is geared toward intermediate and advanced high school students—from incoming freshman to recent high school graduates—interested in a professional career in musical theatre. Broadway and professional theatre artists will lead classes to strengthen skills in voice, dance, and acting, with the goal of developing specialized skills and tools for a career in the performing arts. This is a great opportunity to learn from professional artists in a fast-paced environment!

We are thrilled to welcome back Tony® Award winning Broadway music director Jason Michael Webb for a fourth year. Webb will work with each student personally, sharing his expertise of what it takes to have a successful career in the musical theatre industry. Additional instructors include film and TV acting coach Lelund Durond Thompson and Broadway actress/dancer Katie Pohlman.

Applications are open and audition requirements are now available at

>>> liedcenter.org/education/summerbroadway and liedcenter.org/pianoacademy

Tuition is \$315 per participant and on-campus housing is available for an additional \$205.

Scholarship opportunities for tuition and housing are available!

Lied summer camps will be in-person experiences that follow the most current UNL COVID safety guidelines.


Questions?

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SPRING DATES

<p><u>MAR</u> 23</p>	<p>22/23 Broadway announcement with party for Broadway subscribers and Fabulous Friends (\$500) and above</p>
<p><u>MAR</u> 24</p>	<p>Early access to new 22/23 Broadway packages for Fabulous Friends (\$500) and above</p>
<p><u>MAR</u> 29</p>	<p>22/23 Broadway packages on sale to the public</p>
<p><u>APR</u> 9-10</p>	<p><i>The Band's Visit</i> - Tickets on sale now!</p>
<p><u>APR 27-</u> <u>MAY 1</u></p>	<p><i>Come From Away</i> - Tickets on sale now!</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> 4</p>	<p>On Stage season announcement with party for Best Friends (\$1,000) and above</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> 5</p>	<p>Early access to Create-Your-Own 22/23 Season Packages for Special Friends (\$250) and above</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> 11</p>	<p>Create-Your-Own 22/23 Season Packages on sale to the public</p>
<p><u>MAY</u> 11</p>	<p>Friends of Lied Annual Membership Meeting (online) for Friends of Lied members at all levels</p>
<p><u>AUG</u> TBD</p>	<p>Individual tickets for most 22/23 Season events will go on sale with early access for Friends members</p>
<p><u>DATE</u> TBD</p>	<p>Distinguished Artist Event for Distinguished Friends (\$1,500) and above</p>



Friends of Lied Gala 2022

A Night in the EmerALIED City was held on February 18, 2022, after a short postponement due to COVID. For the more than 350 people in attendance, the night was a great chance to get out of the house, get dressed up, and spend time with friends! Because of the incredible generosity of the attendees and event sponsors, we raised over \$100,000 to support the arts!

Gala co-chairs, Megan Darlington and June Pederson, and Friends of Lied Board of Directors worked tirelessly planning and setting up the event. The Lied Center staff also helped immensely during the days leading up to the event. Upon arrival, guests took advantage of the photo op area featuring a green skyline, gold brick road, hot air balloons, and red poppies. The cocktail hour offered drinks and conversation. Guests sipped champagne, caught up with friends, and bid on silent auction items. Mystery bags were sold with goodies inside, and one lucky winner took home a gorgeous emerald and diamond pendant from AT Thomas Jewelers!

As guests made their way to the main stage for dinner, they were greeted with a sea of green! From flowers, napkins, and lighting to giant shimmering “chande-

liers” hanging above the stage. Everyone enjoyed tender roasted pork, polenta brick road, and grilled rainbow vegetables. The meal concluded with a “tuxedo tornado” dessert, which was a champagne glass filled with chocolate and white chocolate mousse with glitter garnish.

During the dinner program, guests learned about lives that have been impacted by the work of the Lied Center. Emcee Mike Zeleny and auctioneer Tom Bassett pumped up the crowd and got people to open their hearts and pocketbooks during the live auction and ‘Fill the Heart for the Arts’.

The rest of the evening included dancing to The Downtown Collective, which featured Lied Center’s own Matthew Boring on trumpet! Guests also followed the yellow brick road to the Johnny Carson Theater where they enjoyed coffee, themed cookies, and music by Vince Learned & Friends.

A Night in the EmerALIED City was fun and magical. It was a wonderful evening filled with glitz and glamour, coming together with old and new friends to support an incredible cause.



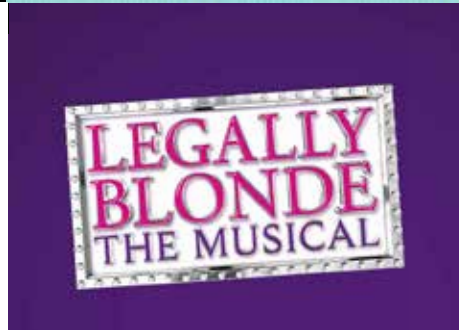
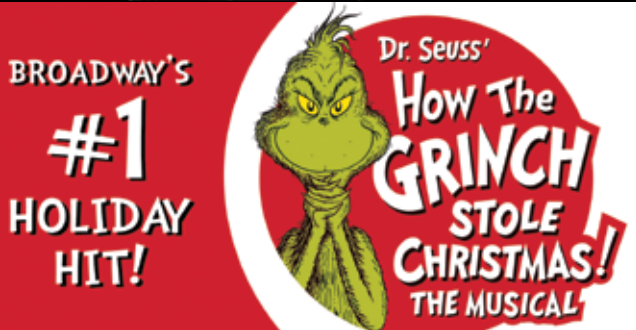
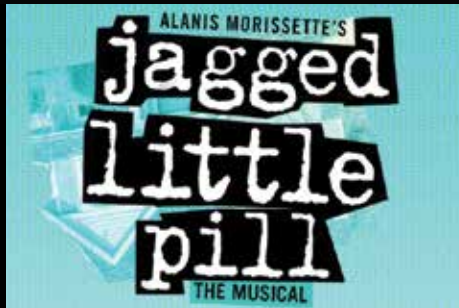
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