



THE LIEDER

SUMMER 2022





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IT IS A TIME OF CELEBRATION AT THE LIED CENTER, AND I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE PART OF IT!

We just announced a truly thrilling new season of music, theatre, and dance, including the biggest Broadway lineup in our history. From our season-opening concert with GRAMMY® winning vocalist Diana Krall to the spectacular return of American Ballet Theater, from iconic artists including Yo-Yo Ma to the Lincoln premiere of *Hamilton*, this season promises unforgettable moments with top artist events from around the world...all right here at Nebraska's performing arts center.

We're also celebrating a record-breaking Give to Lincoln Day! Thanks to Friends like you, more than \$60,000 was raised to support our programs and outreach. We're so grateful to be surrounded by a community that truly believes in the importance of the arts, and that belief is demonstrated so clearly by your continued support. I'd also like to extend my sincere gratitude to outgoing Friends of Lied President Jan Cook for her wonderful year of service, and welcome new President Nancy Krumland.

So here's to a wonderful new season of making memories together! As a Friend, you prove time and again that there's no dream too big for what we can accomplish together at the Lied Center. I look forward to seeing you soon, #AtTheLied!



JAN COOK
President | Friends of Lied
Board of Directors

THE 2022-2023 SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES at the Lied Center for Performing Arts are outstanding and I hope that all Friends of Lied have made their selections for attendance. I am most excited for the opportunity to see *Hamilton* at the Lied!

Friends of Lied activities for the summer continue with a pre-performance dinner on July 8 preceding The Righteous Brothers performance. Also, watch for an announcement for the Distinguished Artist Event and make plans to attend.

The Friends Board extend a very warm appreciation to Amy Ossian, who is the staff membership manager and the liaison to the Friends. Amy's guidance and direction gives the Friends continued success.

It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the Friends of Lied this past year. The 2021-2022 Board of Directors was a committed group of individuals who worked tirelessly to move the mission of the Friends of Lied forward to support the Lied Center for Performing Arts. Nancy Krumland will be serving as the leader of the board this coming year and I wish her much success as she assumes her responsibilities. We have a very talented board and I expect exciting things to happen!



FRIENDS OF LIED BOARD EVENTS

GREATER NEBRASKA MEETING

The April Friends of Lied Board meeting is historically held outside of the walls of the Lied Center. After a few-year hiatus, on April 13, the Friends descended upon Grand Island to the Chocolate Bar for their meeting. Bill Stephan updated members on the events coming to the Lied. The meeting was followed by a sandwich and soup lunch and artisanal chocolate confections. The members then did a walking/shopping tour of downtown Grand Island. They were treated to an olive oil demonstration and tasting. Friends were welcomed by the small business owners along the main street of Grand Island. It was so fun to travel with friends and share experiences together in greater Nebraska!



SPRING LUNCHEON

At the Friends of Lied Board of Directors May meeting, the outgoing board members were recognized for their service. They also welcomed the new members of the board. President Jan Cook ceremoniously passed the gavel to Nancy Krumland, 2022-23 President.



The meeting was held at the Country Club of Lincoln. The ballroom was decorated in a spring lemon theme with beautiful centerpieces that brightened the room. Members dined on fresh salad, quiche, and bite-sized cakes.

Director Bill Stephan welcomed the new members and brought them up to speed of the goings-on at the Lied Center. Many Legends members were also present to catch up with friends and help welcome the new FOL board members. It was a great way to wrap up the year and look forward to the year to come!



THANK YOU!

Incoming Friends of Lied President Nancy Krumland accepts the gavel from outgoing President Jan Cook.



from top: FOL board members enjoyed the Greater Nebraska meeting, outgoing board members were thanked at the Spring Luncheon, and new board members were welcomed!



LIED CENTER ANNOUNCES THRILLING 2022-23 SEASON INCLUDING MUSIC, DANCE, THEATER AND MORE!

The Lied Center for Performing Arts' recently-announced 2022-2023 season will feature more than 30 exciting events including top artists and ensembles from around the world in dance, classical music, jazz, musical theatre, family, illusion, and more.

Among the most anticipated events is the Lincoln premiere of the blockbuster musical *Hamilton*, which will arrive at the Lied in August of 2023 for a record-breaking 16 performances. The season also features the return of the musical *The Book of Mormon*, which was last seen by more than 14,000 Lied Center patrons in 2018, making it one of the most popular shows in Lied history. The Broadway lineup also includes the Nebras-

ka premiere of Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill*, the family classic *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, the razzle-dazzle of *Chicago*, the Lincoln premiere of Broadway leading man Brian Stokes Mitchell, and more.

Following a historic performance in Lincoln's Pioneers Park that drew an audience of more than 6,000 people, American Ballet Theatre returns to Lincoln with their full company of nearly a hundred dancers to present the beloved classic ballet *Giselle*.

In addition, world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma returns to Lincoln this year after memorable performances

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in the Lied's 20th and 25th anniversary seasons, this time in collaboration with pianist Kathryn Stott. Another highly-anticipated event is Danny Elfman's *The Music of the Films of Tim Burton*, which will feature Elfman live on stage accompanied by Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra and backed a huge movie screen to project scenes from his iconic collaborations with filmmaker Burton.

Rounding out the Lied Center's promise of "something for everyone," other season highlights include Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, Food Network star Alton Brown, jazz legend Diana Krall, Disney's Winnie the Pooh, political mockery from D.C.'s Reflecting Fools, mind-bending magic from Reza: Edge of Illusion, and many more.



from left: Season highlights include *Hamilton*, ABT's *Giselle*, Yo-Yo Ma and Kathryn Stott, Danny Elfman's *The Music of the Films of Tim Burton*, and Friends of Lied members attending the On Stage season announcement.



— ARTS ACROSS NEBRASKA —

25TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON PREVIEW

THE 2022-2023 ARTS ACROSS NEBRASKA SEASON WILL CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF OUR PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE STATE. Below we have a preview of the exciting artists that will be a part of that season – The Flyovers, Animal Engine Theater Company, and Amirah Sackett.

First, we have The Flyovers in late November 2022. The Flyovers are a modern a cappella quintet from Lincoln, Nebraska, consisting of two tenors, Ether Saure and Lucas Kellison, a soaring soprano, Anna Claridge, a rumbling bass, Bill Catlett, and an impossible beatboxer, D-Wayne. Formed during the 2020 pandemic, The Flyovers sold out their first album, *'Tis the Season!*, without ever having met each other as a group! In August 2021, the group completed their second album, *Now and Then*, a pop album with songs spanning from 1946 to 2020. They are excited about live performances and their first Arts Across Nebraska tour, sharing their holiday music through student matinees, evening performances, and workshops with students. **Learn more about them at www.flyoversmusic.com**

Next, we have *Henrietta Solway*, a 90-minute original play by Animal Engine Theater Company that is perfect for all ages! Inspired by the works of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Willa Cather and commissioned by the National Willa Cather Center, *Henrietta Solway* brings to life an exciting and heartfelt tale of ambition, sacrifice, and reconciliation

in small towns, big cities, and vast landscapes. In the year 1900, Henrietta, a young tomboy growing up in a tiny Nebraska town, has a chance encounter with a big city opera singer, and the direction of her life is changed forever. Performed in Animal Engine's unique physical style, just three actor-musicians play the score and portray over 60 different characters. With their bodies, a single set-piece, and music, they create the mesa, small-town Nebraska, and Coney Island. Company co-Artistic Director and performer Carrie Brown is notably a University of Nebraska-Lincoln alum and Lincoln native. This tour will take place in early March 2023. **Learn more about them at www.animalengine.com**

Later in March 2023, we will tour our next artist, Amirah Sackett. An internationally recognized hip-hop dancer, choreographer, and teacher, Sackett explores and embodies her Muslim American identity through combining hip-hop movement and Islamic themes. She is widely known for her creation of the choreography and performance group known as, "We're Muslim, Don't Panic", which reached viral video fame after being featured on POPSUGAR Celebrity, The Huffington Post, and Upworthy. Sackett was honored to be a TEDx speaker, guest lecturer at Harvard University, and a cultural diplomat with the U.S. State Department in Bangladesh and Malaysia. She will also be bringing her beatboxing collaborator, Mr. MiC, who will drop beats for their original performance piece *Separation*, a hip-hop retelling of an Arabic folktale. **Learn more at www.amirahsackett.com**



ARTS ACROSS NEBRASKA 2021-2022 SEASON RECAP

2,340

Nebraskans served in Sidney, Kearney, and Minden

1,200

miles traveled by AAN on tour this year!

756

students watching Chicago Dance Crash at once!
(Our single largest crowd at Sidney Public Schools)

96.7%

of teachers felt that after watching the Chicago Dance Crash performance, their students had a greater appreciation for cultures different than their own.

100%

of teachers felt that Kerfuffle's Firefly met or exceeded their expectations.

Small, but mighty - the Lied accomplished all of this with just two staff members on tour with Chicago Dance Crash and one staff member on tour with Kerfuffle's Firefly.

GIVE TO LINCOLN DAY

Give to Lincoln Day was an unseasonably cool and windy day for the end of May, but Membership Manager Amy Osian and incoming Board President Nancy Krumland made the most of it as they joined many other Lincoln non-profit organizations in the festival at Tower Square. They enjoyed speaking with members of the community about what the Lied Center means to Lincoln and to Nebraska. Between the donations raised and an estimated matching gift from Lincoln Community Foundation, the Friends of Lied raised over \$60,000 from nearly 150 donors! That's a record breaker!



FAMFEST RETURNS TO THE LIED!

In April, the Lied Center hosted our first FamFest event in over 2 years due to Covid at The String Beans performance, a popular Lincoln-based band for kids. Lied lobbies were open to ticket holders for fun activities and games including a giant parachute, scooter obstacle course, and different craft stations one and a half hours before the start of the show. Food and drink were also provided by our generous sponsors Runza, Pepsi, and The Cookie Company. A special thanks to our Friends of Lied board members who volunteered at the event: Dee Cummins, Linda Dickeson, Marissa Kemp, and Nancy Krumland. The Lied Center was able to serve over 450 people in our community with this fun and free family event!

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PRE-PERFORMANCE DINNERS

Join us for a fun themed dinner before the following shows:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022
CHICAGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023
**CIRQUE ALFONSE:
ANIMAL - A FARM STORY**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023
JAGGED LITTLE PILL

All pre-performance dinners take place in the Lied Commons with cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:30pm.

Dinner tickets are \$45 per person.
Cash bar available.

Make your reservation online
or call the box office at 402-472-4747.



VIVA LIED VEGAS! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

Join the Friends of Lied for a fabulous Vegas inspired evening at the Lied Center.

Enjoy multiple stages with live entertainment and test your luck at blackjack, craps, roulette, and more!



Visit www.liedcenter.org/friends/events for more information.