



THE **LIEDER**

WINTER 2021

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT THE LIED CENTER!



**BILL STEPHAN, CVE**  
Executive Director &  
Chief Artistic Officer



As you wrap up your holiday shopping, I encourage you to consider giving the gift of experiences, memories, and time spent together. Tickets to spectacular shows are the perfect gift for the hard-to-buy-for people on your list! Check out our Lied Center Holiday Gift Guide on the facing page for more ideas.

There's so much to look forward to as we head into the new year! It starts with the much-anticipated return of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra on January 13, and then our biggest Broadway season ever kicks into high gear with eight shows including *Come From Away* (featured on the cover), *The Band's Visit*, and *Jersey Boys*. I hope to welcome you to the Lied many times this spring!

In this season of warmth and gratitude, we are so grateful for our Friends. With your support, we will continue to prove that nothing is impossible at the Lied Center! Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season and spectacular new year.



**JAN COOK**  
President | Friends of Lied  
Board of Directors

The Lied Center for Performing Arts is the place to be in the coming months! The staff has been extremely busy getting ready for all of the upcoming performances and we appreciate their work so much. Check out [www.liedcenter.org/events](http://www.liedcenter.org/events) or call the ticket office at 402-472-4747 to purchase tickets!

The Friends of Lied are planning "A Night in the EmeraLIED City" Gala on January 22, 2022, and it promises to be a colorful event! Make plans to attend this fun event to support the fundraising efforts of the Friends of Lied.

Nominations are now being accepted for additional 2022-2023 Board of Directors of Friends of Lied. The board includes members from the entire state of Nebraska who volunteer their talents, time and energy to support the Lied Center. Board members serve three-year terms and attend monthly meetings at the Lied Center from September through May, assist in membership expansion and fundraise for the performing arts at the Lied Center. For more information, contact Friends of Lied board advisor, June Pederson, at [junepederson2@gmail.com](mailto:junepederson2@gmail.com) or Amy Ossian, Friends of Lied membership manager, at [aossian2@unl.edu](mailto:aossian2@unl.edu).



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# LIED CENTER HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



**LIED CENTER GIFT CERTIFICATES** make great gifts! Gift certificates can be used to purchase tickets to performances or towards tuition for summer camps.

Contact the box office at  
402-472-4747.



For only \$100, you can purchase a custom-engraved **BRICK FOR THE LIED PLAZA** in honor of a friend or family member. What better way to commemorate a milestone or just to show someone you love them!



Experiences make great gifts and there is no experience quite like attending **THE FRIENDS OF LIED GALA**. Surprise a loved one with tickets to attend "A Night in the Emerald City". Cocktails, dinner, live music and dancing on the Lied Center stage!



**A GIFT MEMBERSHIP TO FRIENDS OF LIED** will give the recipient recognition in Lied Center programs, a subscription to The Lieder quarterly publication, early access to ticket sales, invitations to Friends of Lied social events, and much more.

For more information about Friends of Lied Holiday Gifts, go to [liedcenter.org/friends](https://liedcenter.org/friends) or contact Amy Ossian at 402-472-4704.

## MAYOR'S ARTS AWARD

On November 8, 2021, the Lied Center for Performing Arts was awarded the Mayor's Arts Award for Outstanding Arts Organization. The Lied Center received national recognition for its innovation and creativity during the pandemic. Within weeks of shutting down in March 2020, Lied Live Online began providing free performances online by local and national artists. The Music on the Move program was created and brought local musicians to Lincoln neighborhoods. The Lied was able to build a five-camera, high-definition video system so that shows on the Lied stage could be live streamed. The Lied Center was the first major university performing arts center to reopen in the nation! Congratulations to the Lied Center on this well-deserved award and for continuing to lead us in delivering arts to our community during the pandemic.



*l-r: Jesse Snyder, Natalie Stroud, Mayor Leirion Gaylor-Baird, Lauren Durban, Amy Ossian, Mark Moore © Lincoln Arts Council*



A NIGHT IN THE  
**EMERALLED CITY**  
GALA 2022

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022  
6<sup>PM</sup> COCKTAILS • 7<sup>PM</sup> DINNER  
8<sup>PM</sup> PROGRAM & LIVE AUCTION  
9<sup>PM</sup> DANCING TO MUSIVO LIVE

LIED CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS  
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Gala Co-Chairs Megan Darlington and June Pederson would like you to join the Friends of Lied for an evening of dining, entertainment, and an auction with all proceeds going to support the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

**ENTERTAINMENT:**

How fun will it be to take a break from the cold Nebraska winter by gathering with friends, enjoying a gourmet meal, then getting swept away in the ambiance of a magical night! Dance the night away on the main stage of the Lied to Musivo Live. Or chill out in the Johnny Carson Theater and listen to the musical talents of Vince Learned and Friends.

**AUCTION:**

The Gala includes silent and live auctions with many fun and intriguing items offered by businesses and individuals across the state, including custom jewelry from A.T. Thomas Jewelers and several beautiful pieces of original art from Lincoln’s Noyes Gallery artists. Extraordinary experiences include golf at the Dismal River Club, VIP tickets to see Tim McGraw and Miranda Lambert, a hot air balloon ride, Nebraska Men’s Basketball suite tickets, a Great Wolf Lodge package, and Lied Center VIP experiences. Attendees can even bid on an opportunity to sing on stage with the band at the Gala!

**FILL THE HEART:**

During a pivotal part of the evening, guests will learn about the many things the Lied Center provides for the state of Nebraska. It is a time to open our hearts and share the passion that we have for the performing arts!

**RESERVATIONS:**

You should have received your invitation in the mail. You can also make Gala reservations online:

[www.liedcenter.org/gala](http://www.liedcenter.org/gala)



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EDUCATION AT THE LIED

## CHICAGO DANCE CRASH AND KERFUFFLE KICK-OFF ARTS

The 2021-2022 Arts Across Nebraska season began this November with two back-to-back tours originally scheduled for 2020 – Chicago Dance Crash, a Chicago-based hip-hop dance ensemble emphasizing storytelling and accessibility, and Kerfuffle’s Firefly, a forest-themed, shadow-puppet theatre piece created specifically for children 6 and under. In total, these tours served over 2,250 students and community members through school matinees and public performances in the Central and Western Nebraska communities of Sidney, Minden, and Kearney.

From November 8-13, 2021, Chicago Dance Crash traveled over 750 miles over the course of the tour! In each community, students were able to experience Hip Hop 101, an interactive lecture/demonstration program that dissects and reassembles the various histories and movement forms that encapsulate modern hip-hop dance. One teacher from Kearney described the most impactful element of Hip Hop 101: “I most valued that the performers were someone my students could look up to as a role model. Everyone on that stage represented an ethnicity that was in my classroom, and I

loved that my students could see a person that looked like them being successful doing something they loved.” Student favorites were learning how to pop and lock and the “dance battle” at the end of the program. Over 1,500 Nebraska students and teachers were impacted by the Hip Hop 101 matinees.

The Sidney and Minden communities also hosted public performances that featured an exciting compilation of the Chicago Dance Crash’s most notable works, including brand new pieces created during the pandemic. Through the efforts of our partners at the Merryman Performing Arts Center, the University of Nebraska Kearney dance program participated in extended outreach and engagement with Chicago Dance Crash, working with area school children prior to the performances and performing during the evening performance and student matinees. The evening performances served nearly 550 audience members. One of our young attendees in Sidney said of the public performance, “I am a dancer myself, and seeing this group of people live one of my dreams makes me so inspired to take my passion to another level. Even though I don’t know this group personally, I feel attached to them from a different perspective. This is my kind of people.”



## ACROSS NEBRASKA 2021-22

November 15-19, 2021, our second tour of the season, Kerfuffle's Firefly, was in residence in three Kearney preschools and early childhood centers. During Firefly, preschool audiences joined Park Ranger Glow on a sensory adventure to hear crickets, feel moss, smell pine trees, and meet animals in Park Ranger Glow's magical forest fort. The production featured shadow puppetry and gentle interactive participation. In addition to the performance experience, there were art activities pre-show and an activity for classroom educators to take back after the performance. Kerfuffle Artistic Director Ashley Laverty also led an early childhood arts integration workshop on October 15 via Zoom for Kearney-area teachers. 100% of survey respondents indicated that Firefly was a valuable educational experience for their students, with one teacher adding, "I was more than impressed with the show and the education behind it. It was set up to engage all types of learners which was very important for our students." In four days, Kerfuffle led nearly 275 young people and teachers through the Cottonmill Forest during their 11 school-day performances.

The 2021-2022 Arts Across Nebraska season is off to a roaring start after a hybrid year due to the pandemic. Lied Education is currently working with partners to develop programming for our final tour of the 2021-2022 season in Spring 2022 and excitedly planning for our 25th anniversary season next year!

## THE MOMENT WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGES

During a masterclass with the Advanced Hip-Hop students at Chase the Spirit of Dance in Lincoln on September 14th, Lied Center Outreach Coordinator Sasha Dobson noticed a ten-year-old boy from the Beginning Hip-Hop class standing in the studio's doorway. The young man intently watched the company of Step Afrika! teach one of the many stepping classes they held during their residency. After a few antsy minutes shadowing the choreography, the student ran up to Stephanie Chase, the studio's owner, and eagerly asked if he could join the class. After getting his "yes," the delighted young man ran up to the front of the room and hopped in line with the older kids. "He wasn't focused on getting all the moves right, but instead, loving every second of the experience," Sasha explained. "It was as if he wasn't aware of anyone else around him; it was inspiring to watch."

After the class finished, the young man implored his parents to buy tickets to the upcoming Step Afrika! performance. These are precisely the kinds of experiences the Lied Center cultivates through masterclasses and artist residencies – transforming lives through the performing arts.



The MOSAIC residency from September 13-17th with Step Afrika! was hugely successful, impacting nearly 1,000 students in the Lincoln community. The vast majority were children in the Lincoln Public School system at Clinton Elementary and Park Middle School, both Title I institutions. At Park, Step Afrika! company members engaged a gymnasium of hundreds of middle schoolers, an impressive feat on its own. The faculty at Park were incredibly grateful for the outreach, expressing appreciation for reaching out to their students, as they do not typically receive such integrated arts opportunities.

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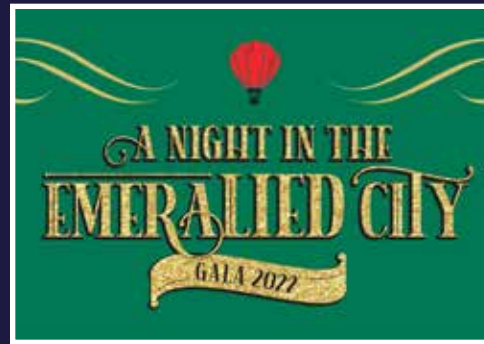
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## UPCOMING FRIENDS OF LIED EVENTS

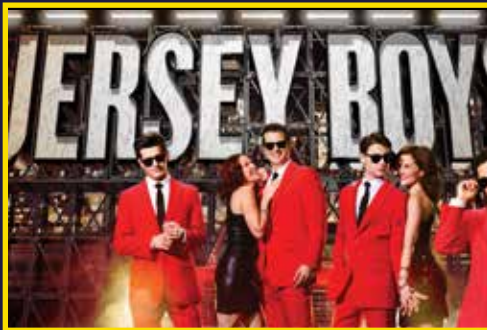


Thursday, January 6, 2022  
Open House & Behind-the-Scenes Tour  
for Fabulous Friends and Above



Saturday, January 22, 2022  
A Night in the Emerald City

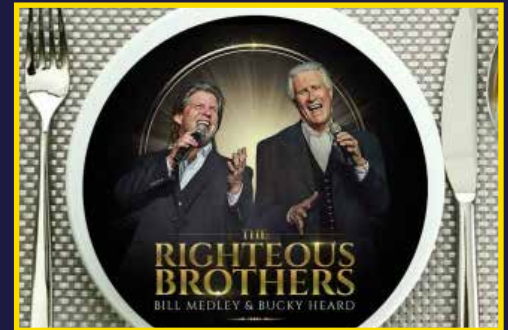
## PRE-PERFORMANCE DINNERS



Friday, March 25, 2022  
**JERSEY BOYS**  
5:30 Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner  
Lied Commons



Saturday, April 9, 2022  
**THE BAND'S VISIT**  
5:30 Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner  
Lied Commons



Friday, July 8, 2022  
**THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS**  
5:30 Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner  
Lied Commons

*\*\*This event was rescheduled from  
Oct. 23, 2021.*

Visit [www.liedcenter.org/friends/events](http://www.liedcenter.org/friends/events) for more information.