



THE
LIEDER

FALL 2018

MONTY PYTHON'S
SPAMALOT™

A new musical *lovingly* ripped off from the motion picture
MONTY PYTHON and the Holy Grail



Another excellent Lied Season is at our doorstep, and we are ready to offer another year of outstanding performances. Our season kicks off with a busy October starting on the 5th with the star of Broadway's *Hamilton* – Leslie Odom Jr. Following closely on the popular singer/actor's heels is the music superstar Johnny Mathis, making his debut at the Lied (Oct. 7); legendary country/blue grass band Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Oct. 17), the hilarious Capitol Steps with their never-ending bipartisan comedy (Oct. 19); Chinese Warriors of Peking, top martial artists and acrobats (Oct. 21); *Sedition* (Angels Theatre Company), based on the true story of University of Nebraska professors who disagreed with the Wilson administration during World War I (Oct. 25-28); Mariinsky Orchestra—one of the top 15 orchestras in the world (Oct. 28); Ballet Folklórico de México with a full mariachi band on stage...and that's just October! Make sure you check LiedCenter.org for more information on the events, tickets, added shows and videos on the performances. November rings in the first show of our Glenn Korff Broadway series with *Spamalot*. We have another exceptional Broadway season scheduled, anchored by *The Book of Mormon*, a Broadway musical that Jon Stewart of *The Daily Show* describes as "a crowning achievement, so good it makes me angry" and by *Entertainment Weekly* as "the funniest musical of all time."

The next time you attend a performance at the Lied, your visit will be that much more comfortable. The superstar Lied facility staff worked hard this summer updating the seats, which maintain the beautiful appearance of the Lied main hall, but with new cushions and fabric. Lied Center seats now have thicker cushioning than the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City!

We are very excited to have Petrina Suiter as the Lied Center's new Development Manager. As you know, Petrina recently joined the Lied Center staff and will manage and oversee all fundraising activity, including individual, corporate and grant funding. Ms. Suiter has extensive experience in fundraising, holding the positions of Director of Development and Marketing for Salt Creek Ballet (Westmont, IL) and Assistant Director of Institutional Giving for Joffrey Ballet. At Joffrey Ballet, she was part of the leadership team in using Tessitura for all fundraising operations.



Petrina has an MBA from the University of Nebraska and a BFA in ballet from Texas Christian University. Earlier in her career she worked for Arts Are Basic in Lincoln and Crete. Beyond her education and experience, she has a deep appreciation for the arts. The Lied Center played a role in her life as a young person; she saw a variety of performances at our venue and performed in dance programs on our stage. Please join me in welcoming Petrina.

The Friends of Lied is also on pace for a record-breaking membership year. It is thanks to your support and membership that we can present the greatest artists in the world, bring them throughout the state, ensure outreach programs are able to continue and give the gift of performing arts to thousands of children. Thank you!

See you at the Lied!

Bill Stephan, CFE
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Welcome to a new season of extraordinary performances at the Lied Center!

As the President of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your investment in and support of the Lied Center. Since 1989 Friends of Lied has donated \$6.2 million to the Lied Center. Our gifts have made the amazing quality and range of performances that appear on the Lied stage each year possible.

The Lied Center enriches our communities by bringing people together and giving them an opportunity to reflect upon a shared experience. Your Friends of Lied membership supports statewide programs like Arts Across Nebraska, bringing world-class artists to rural communities. In addition, our 60 board members from across the state serve as Lied ambassadors in their hometowns.

Friends of Lied contributions also support the Lied's robust educational outreach programs. Students' lives are transformed through the arts, whether it is a second grader attending her first theater performance, a talented high school pianist chosen for the Piano Academy, or an aspiring dancer engaging with the American Ballet Theatre.

The 2018-2019 lineup offers you and your family and friends many opportunities to make memories and experience the impact of the performing arts. I look forward to seeing you at the Lied!

Kristen Cline
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2018 FOL Board of Directors Retreat

Compassion, Creativity, Community was the theme for the 2018 FOL Board of Directors Retreat that was held in York at the Holthus Convention Center on September 11 and 12. The board visited the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, toured the facility, heard the stories of two inmates and learned about the many programs offered at the center. The FOL Board raised money for the purchase of duffle bags to be used by women once they leave the facility.

Board members' creativity was on display as they constructed succulent gardens with the help of Harmony Nurseries, located in Bradshaw. The York High School Duke Chamber Singers performed for the board and showcased their musical talent. Josh Stevens, guitarist, entertained at dinner on Tuesday evening at the York Country Club. Creativity was evident throughout the retreat.

The opportunity to learn more about each other and plan for the 2018-19 FOL year helped the board to develop a community. This community will provide support for the many program aspects of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.



TABLE
Inspirations

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'
SAVE THE DATE
3.19-20.18

Membership Update

Friends of Lied memberships support an annual season sponsorship, the Arts Across Nebraska Program and an annual unrestricted gift to the Lied Center. Our membership year runs on the calendar year and as of September, we are close to our membership goal! If you are already a member, consider giving the gift of membership. It is a great idea for the person who has everything! Membership levels start at just \$50.

June Pederson, 2018 FOL Membership Chair

Arts Across Nebraska 2018-2019 Season

The Lied Center is thrilled to announce its 2018-2019 Arts Across Nebraska tour, featuring three celebrated theatrical productions: *Civil War Voices*, *My Ántonia*, and *Passing It Forward: The American Dream?* Each production uses mixtures of music, dance and theatre to explore and celebrate the rich history of America.

Civil War Voices

Theatrical Concert Version

Written by James Harris,

Touring Nebraska: November 5-9, 2018

Nov. 5, 2018 | Fox Theater, McCook

Nov. 7, 2018 | Nebraska City High School, Nebraska City

Nov. 9, 2018 | Doane University, Crete



Civil War Voices was written by McCook native James Harris. It is a musical telling the true stories of real people who lived through the conflict of the Civil War. The story follows five primary characters and features all new arrangements of traditional melodies of the period by renowned composer Mark Hayes. In 2009, the Lied Center presented the show, winning the Mayor's Award for Artistic Achievement in Performing Arts. Since then, the show has been presented at the Nebraska State Capitol and twice in New York City. Produced by Doane University Theater Department, Crete, NE.

My Ántonia

Produced by Illusion Theater Company, Minneapolis, MN

Touring Nebraska: February 10-19, 2019

Feb. 11, 2019 | Merryman Performing Arts Center, Kearney

Feb. 14, 2019 | The Midwest Theater, Scottsbluff

Feb. 19, 2019 | Red Cloud Opera House, Red Cloud



Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Willa Cather's novel, this new theatrical adaptation of *My Ántonia* is told through the memories of narrator Jim Burden. Jim returns to Nebraska after 20 years to see Ántonia, the immigrant girl who shaped his understanding of life. Experience Cather's tale of the people and land of the Great Plains. Educational programming and resources will be developed in partnership with the Cather Foundation.

Passing It Forward:

The American Dream?

Created by Tapestry Dance Company, Austin, TX

Touring Nebraska: April 23-29, 2019

April 24, 2019 | The Midwest Theater, Scottsbluff

April 26, 2019 | Location TBA

April 29, 2019 | Howell Theater, Lincoln, NE



Passing It Forward: The American Dream? explores the rich and complicated history of our country. The performance encourages the audience to reflect on the role of immigration in creating the huge diversity of cultures that make up our American heritage. Through historical traditions and new works of tap dance set to a diversified musical score of spoken-word poetry, hip-hop, jazz and American classics, Tapestry sets a rhythm of communication, hope and healing.



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIED CENTER

OCTOBER

An Evening with Leslie Odom Jr.
 Johnny Mathis–The Voice of Romance Tour
 Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
 The Capitol Steps (*Pre Performance Dinner)
 Chinese Warriors of Peking
 Sedition
 Mariinsky Orchestra
 Ballet Folklórico de Mexico

Oct. 5
 Oct. 7
 Oct. 17
 Oct. 19
 Oct. 21
 Oct. 25–28
 Oct. 28
 Oct. 30

NOVEMBER

Monty Python's Spamalot
 The TEN Tenors
 Gabriela Montero, Piano

Nov. 2–3
 Nov. 5
 Nov. 13

DECEMBER

The Book of Mormon
 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
 by Chip Davis

Dec. 11–16
 Dec. 20

*Pre Performance Dinner - See back page for details

Distinguished Artist Event

On Sunday, August 26, the Distinguished Artist Event was held at Assemblage to thank Patron Friends, Distinguished Friends and members of the Lied Circles. The Assemblage, a private exhibition space, celebrates the art collections of Kathy and Marc LeBaron and Karen and Robert Duncan. Guests enjoyed viewing a special exhibition AGUACATE.

Steven Rich, a successful New York and Chicago musical theatre performer, entertained the group with a variety of songs from some of his favorite musicals. He grew up in Lincoln and credited the Lied Center for Performing Arts for inspiring him to pursue his musical theater career. Jim Koudelka, a well-known Lincoln musician, accompanied him.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres by Traci Carlson Catering and cocktails by Meier's Cork'n Bottle. The event was co-sponsored by the Friends of Lied and Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Thank you to our generous donors for your continued support!





Donna Seefeld

thank

you



The Friends of Lied would like to thank Donna Seefeld as her retirement curtain comes down on a ten-year run with our volunteer organization. Donna has played a major role in the FOL's and Lied Center's success over the past decade. The group's membership has increased in both the number of members and dollars raised. Table Inspirations and the FOL Gala flourished with her support.

Past President Kim Garner noted that Donna served with loyalty, dedication and the highest integrity. She also acknowledged that the FOL success over the past 10 years was a direct result of Donna's hard work and efforts.

Along with doing some amazing fundraising, Donna has witnessed FOL board members create magical space and time for guests to enjoy. Each one of the galas brings back fond memories to her. Donna thought the inaugural Table Inspirations event with Preston Bailey was over the top and Mary Carol Garrity, with Nell Hill, was her favorite speaker.

Donna's bucket list includes driving the New England coast in the fall, exploring the Canyonland National Park in Utah and seeing the Canadian Rockies by train.

Thanks for the memories, Donna. They will be forever in our hearts!



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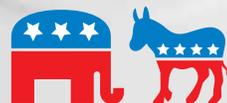
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FOR DINNER
BEFORE THE SHOW!

The Capitol
Steps

- DINNER
- SHOW



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COCKTAILS 5:30 PM | DINNER 6:00 PM | LIED COMMONS | \$35 FOR DINNER, CASH BAR PROVIDED