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MILLER AUDITORIUM ANNOUNCES 2009-10 SEASON

Miller Auditorium is proud to announce its exciting 2009 –10 Season, with the best of Broadway and some of the most renowned performers of our time. This season is packed with rising stars, returning favorites and something for everyone.

Our Broadway in West Michigan series is filled with new Tony Award®-winning shows and Kalamazoo area favorites. **THE WEDDING SINGER** kicks off our Broadway season on October 20 & 21, 2009. Enjoy as Robbie Hart takes us back to the 80's when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up and a wedding singer just might be the coolest guy in the room.

Tale as old as time, true as it can be. **DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** returns to the Miller Auditorium stage February 23-25, 2010. Experience the romance and enchantment in this classic Broadway favorite for all ages.

THE RAT PACK IS BACK! recreates one of the famous "Summit at the Sands" hotel shows, when the swingin,' ring-a-ding group known as the "Rat Pack" was creating hipster legend with a free-wheeling, no-holds-barred nightclub act starring Vegas' four favorite sons: Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin and Joey Bishop. Join the fun at Miller Auditorium on March 19 & 20, 2010.

A hilarious show full of heart and hummable tunes, **AVENUE Q** is about trying to make it in NYC with big dreams and a tiny bank account. Called "one of the funniest shows you're ever likely to see" by *Entertainment Weekly*, **AVENUE Q** features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, risqué and downright entertaining way. This smash-hit Tony Award®-winning musical hits the Miller Auditorium stage April 21 & 22, 2010.

CIRQUE DREAMS ILLUMINATION opens our Broadway Plus series on December 8, 2009. **CIRQUE DREAMS ILLUMINATION** is ablaze with lights and activities as everyday occurrences are transformed into astounding feats performed by an international cast of acrobatic urbanites, flexible fanatics, world-class athletes, musicians and more.

STOMP is explosive, provocative, sophisticated, sexy, utterly unique and appeals to audiences of all ages. The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments—matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps and more—to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. **STOMP** returns to the Miller Auditorium stage for two great performances on January 19 & 20, 2010.

MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL® is back by popular demand January 29-31, 2010. Since March 2001, this hilarious show about Women and The Change has entertained and inspired from coast-to-coast—as well as internationally. This laughter-filled 90-minute production includes parodies of classics from the '60s, '70s and '80s

The Spotlight Series kicks off with comedian **JEFF FOXWORTHY** on September 25, 2009. Widely known for his redneck jokes, his act goes well beyond that to explore the humor in everyday family interactions and human nature.

Remember when swing was king, when zoot suits were hot, and songs such as “In the Mood” and “Chattanooga Choo Choo” were even hotter? **THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA** brings audiences back year after year with their big brass sounds and unique jazz melodies. As one of the most popular bands of all time, they have been thrilling audiences for over four decades. **THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA** comes to Miller on October 9, 2009.

Explore your wild side with **TALES FROM THE FIELD WITH JEFF CORWIN** on October 18, 2009. In this fun-filled, interactive and educational family program, Jeff Corwin, TV's most popular animal show host, delights fans of all ages in a truly wild experience!

Russian-born **SOPHIE MILMAN** has toured the world, won a 2008 Juno Award for Vocal Jazz Album of the Year, sold more than 100,000 records—and she's only 25. She is known as one of the hottest new jazz artists and will be performing at Miller Auditorium on October 29, 2009.

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK is an African-American female, a capella vocal group consisting of six members who bring the message of the southern black church, the civil rights movement and the conscience of justice through musical expression. **SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK** performs their soulful harmonies and intricate rhythms November 13, 2009.

NEIL BERG'S 100 YEARS OF BROADWAY recreates the finest theatrical moments from the best musicals of the century. The show features five dazzling vocalists that have performed in many hit Broadway musicals. This tuneful show comes to Miller on November 21, 2009.

Christmas, no matter where and how it is celebrated, finds its heart and soul in holiday music. Miller Auditorium is proud to bring **THE CHRISTMAS MUSIC OF MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER BY CHIP DAVIS** to Kalamazoo. The group is renowned for their modern recordings of Christmas music—including six platinum Christmas albums. Don't miss out on this exciting holiday show that everyone can enjoy on November 28, 2009.

Crotchety Scrooge, lovable Tiny Tim, and all the fascinating characters that audiences have come to love make Charles Dickens', **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** an enchanting story and a treasured holiday event. Enjoy this show at Miller Auditorium for one night only, December 5, 2009.

Enjoy **THE OAKRIDGE BOYS CHRISTMAS** live at Miller Auditorium on December 11, 2009. The Oak Ridge Boys have one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry. Their four-part harmonies and upbeat songs are sure to bring holiday cheer in this can't miss holiday event!

Ballet fans of all ages will be enchanted when the **MOSCOW FESTIVAL BALLET** performs the timeless fairytale **SLEEPING BEAUTY** on January 24th, 2010.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, **LOVE, GOLD COMPANY STYLE** brings Gold Company's trademark musical flair to your favorite songs of love on February 13, 2010. Gold Company, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Zegree, is known around the world as one of the most successful and prestigious collegiate vocal groups.

Celebrate the rich tradition and folklore of Mexico with the internationally renowned dance group, **BALLET FÓLKORICO DE MÉXICO** on March 7, 2010.

Wrapping up the 2009-10 Spotlight Series, the charming, witty and always entertaining writer, humorist and speaker **GARRISON KEILLOR** comes to Miller on April 14, 2010.

Season subscription packages are now on sale for new and returning subscribers. Patrons renewing their subscriptions receive priority seating through June. Single tickets will go on sale to the general public several weeks prior to each performance. Tickets for Jeff Foxworthy kick off single ticket sales on August 21, 2009.

Season subscriptions may be purchased in person or by mail. A variety of money saving options are available from the Broadway in West Michigan series, where you can save up to 30% off regular prices, to the Flex Pass Subscription, where you choose any four or more shows and save up to \$5 off each ticket! Order forms can be found inside the 2009-10 Season Brochure or online—in our Virtual Brochure—at www.millerauditorium.com. For more information, please call the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office at (269) 387-2300. Groups of 20 or more may call (269) 387-2312 for discount information.

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At a Glance:

What: **Miller Auditorium's 2009-10 Season**

When: Season subscriptions are now available!

Where: All 2009-10 season events take place at Miller Auditorium on the campus of Western Michigan University

How: Season subscription prices range depending upon the shows you choose. Subscriptions are a great way to save money and select premium seats.

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