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The Lancaster Grand Theatre Announces 2013-2014 Season *Small-town America brings nationally-known performers to a historic theatre*

LANCASTER, KY - The Lancaster Grand Theatre announces its inaugural season for 2013-2014. The Lancaster Grand Theatre opened its doors in 1925 and quickly became a Central Kentucky landmark. With the completion of a \$4.2 million restoration that was almost 12 years in the making, The Lancaster Grand will again host outstanding entertainment for citizens of the region after being closed for almost 50 years. The theatre is located at 117 Lexington Street in Lancaster.

McKinney Daily, Lancaster Grand Board President, stated recently: "Our plans for the Grand have been surpassed in every area. We are very proud to have achieved the dream of restoring the Lancaster Grand Theatre back to its original beauty." Debra Hoskins, the Executive Director, brings more than twenty-five years of experience in booking performing arts, first at Centre College's Norton Center for the Arts and then at Eastern Kentucky University's Center

for the Arts. Hoskins says that the renovated historical theatre will add something unique to performances, and adds that “the acoustics are the finest; sound and lighting are state of the art and the full projection equipment is complete with surround sound and 3D viewing capabilities. The historic lighting in the venue from 1924 still has original Model T Ford parts inside and new seating has been installed for the comfort of every patron.” She believes, too, that “the Grand reflects the fact that the people in Kentucky want small towns to survive and they want success for these communities.” “Saving a part of Kentucky’s history and offering top of the line entertainment has been accomplished at the Lancaster Grand Theatre.”

The ever-popular **Glenn Miller Orchestra** and the classic rock of the **Coasters and Platters** highlight the upcoming opening season. The schedule also features a variety of international dance with **Rhythm of the Dance** from Ireland and from Russia, the **Rudolf Nureyev State Ballet Theatre’s** production of *The Nutcracker*. The international flavor continues with the celtic vocals of the **Women of Ireland** and the amazing acrobatics of a cirque favorite, **Cirque d’ Or**.

From Kentucky comes **Lee Cruise’s Kentucky Comedy Tour** and **The Boxcars with Special Guest J.D. Crowe**, the legendary Bluegrass banjo player. Kentuckians will also identify with **The Sixth Man: Rise of a Big Blue Nation**, the touching and dramatic documentary on the fans of University of Kentucky basketball. The holiday season will be brighter, too, with a fully-staged performance of the timeless classic musical, *A Christmas Carol*.

Children’s school performances are also a special component of the Lancaster Grand’s inaugural season and will target area school children daytime performances of **Cirque d’Or, Riders in the Sky, Junie B. Jones, Rhythm of the Dance**, and *A Christmas Carol* at discounted student pricing.

The Season

Lee Cruse-Kentucky Comedy Tour. Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. All tickets are \$10. Lee Cruise has made Kentuckians laugh for years with his Central Kentucky radio program and as a morning host on Lexington's WLEX-TV. He took his talents to the stage in 1995 to become a stand-up comedian with a style that has been called "self-deprecating with bite – but without vulgarity." The evening will be a fun time for the entire family as Lee presents the winners of the Comedy on Tour competition.

Cirque d' Or. Tuesday, September 24, 2013. Public performance at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$37 and \$42. Featuring a cast of more than thirty world-class acrobats, contortionists and, aerial artists, this internationally famous troupe of cirque performers offers a dramatic mix of circus art and acrobatic skills. It's a cirque show perfect family entertainment!

Riders in the Sky. Friday, October 4, 2013. Public performance at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$37 and \$42. For thirty years **Riders in the Sky** has remained true to the integrity of Western music passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry, and Roy Rogers and have become modern-day icons with their legendary wacky humor and Western wit. Among other honors, they have been inducted into the Grand Ol' Opry and the Western Music Association's Hall of Fame. And, of course< we all loved them in the movie, Toy Story>

The Glenn Miller Orchestra. Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$42 and \$48 The legendary Glenn Miller is an American icon. Enjoy a full evening of Miller's immortal hit songs, including "Moonlight Serenade," "Tuxedo Junction," and "In the Mood."

The Sixth Man: Rise of a Big Blue Nation. Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

All tickets are \$12. This 2013 documentary explores the “fandemonium” that surrounds the University of Kentucky basketball program. Not to be missed by all U.K. fans!

Cornell Gunter’s - Coasters and Larry Marshak’s - Platters. Saturday, October 26, 2013.

Performances at 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Tickets \$50 and \$55. These legendary musical groups defined the magical sounds of the 1950s and 1960s that are the foundation of R & B and “soul” music. It’s an evening of music with songs including “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes”, “Yakety-Yak”, and “Twilight Time” that will have you on your feet!

The Boxcars with Special Guest, J.D. Crowe. Saturday, November 16, 2013, at 8:00

p.m. Tickets are \$30 and \$35. The Boxcars received Instrumental Group of the Year award at the 2012 International Bluegrass Music Association annual awards show. They team up with J. D. Crowe, Kentucky’s legendary banjo player, for an evening of great music that will be an unforgettable experience for Bluegrass fans.

A Christmas Carol. Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Public performance at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$45 and \$50. This beautiful off-Broadway musical performance is brought to the Lancaster Grand Theatre by the 50-member cast of the New York Palace Theatre. This is a Christmas experience for the entire family!

The Rudolf Nureyev State Ballet presents *The Nutcracker.* Thursday, December 19, 2013,

Public performance at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and \$45. This company of sixty superb dancers

from the Russian city of Ufa, the hometown of legendary dancer Rudolf Nureyev, performs the classical Christmas ballet set to Tchaikovsky's beloved music just as you would see it at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow.

American Girl Tea for Young Ladies and their Favorite American Girl Doll. or

Just With A Friend. Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. *American Girl* is an American institution that celebrates girls for who they are today and who they can become tomorrow with their famous dolls. More than 143 million *American Girl* books and 23 million *American Girl* dolls have been sold since 1986. Enjoy an enchanting event that will be a lasting memory for the young girls in your life. Tea and refreshments are served followed by an *American Girl* movie. A special experience, not to be missed. Bring your favorite doll or another friend – It's sure to be fun!

Rhythm of the Dance. Thursday, February 20, 2014. Public performance at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 and \$50. In the tradition of River Dance and Lord of the Dance, this is one of the world's most famous Irish dance troupes and is recognized as the National Dance Company of Ireland and has been a television special performance of PBS. Featuring forty singers and dancers, the company will enthrall you with their beautifully-staged music and dance performance.

Women of Ireland. Monday, March 3, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$40. This innovative and exciting concert and lavish stage production has drawn praise from both critics

and audiences alike. You'll be moved by the beauty of the Celtic women's music and dance in this beautiful and entertaining evening.

Special season ticket packages are available. There is a 10% discount for the "Everything" season package and a 5% discount for the "Pick 5" package. For details, call the Lancaster Grand Theatre Box Office at 859.583.1716.

In addition to its live performances, The Lancaster Grand Theatre will present a classical film series. Film titles will be announced soon. You'll enjoy the exceptional experience of viewing the classic films with The Lancaster Grand's state-of-the-art high definition digital projection equipment on a 30ft. silver screen..

Season subscriptions are now on sale and single tickets for performances, if available, will go on sale after September 1, 2013. For more information, call 859.583.1716 or go to LancasterGrand.com or visit The Lancaster Grand in person. Office hours for those who wish to stop by the theatre box office are Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. located at 117 Lexington Street, Lancaster, Kentucky, only 25 minutes south of Lexington.

Performances *Just for Schools* – Public, Private and Homeschools

Cirque d' Or. Tuesday, September 24, 2013. School performances at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10. Teachers get one free ticket per 20 student paid tickets. Parent tickets are \$20.

Riders in the Sky. Friday, October 4, 2013. School performance at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10. Teachers get one free ticket per 20 student paid tickets. Parent tickets are \$20.

Junie B. Jones. Monday, November 25, 2013. School performances at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10. Teachers get one free ticket per 20 student paid tickets. Parent tickets are \$20.

This engaging musical play, an adaptation of the Barbara Park *Junie P. Jones* series, is an exploration of experiences that thoughtfully helps to awaken in children the desire to read.

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Rhythm of the Dance – The National Dance Company of Ireland. Thursday, February 20, 2014. School performance at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10. Teachers get one free ticket per 20 student paid tickets. Parent tickets are \$20.

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