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THE STARS SHINE THE BRIGHTEST IN THE VAN WEZEL'S 2013-2014 SEASON!

Sarasota, FL – Single tickets go ON SALE Saturday, September 7 at 10 AM at the Box Office, online, and by phone! Appointments are available for ticket buyers by calling the Box Office at 941-953-3368.

Living up to its reputation as the #1 Performing Arts Hall of its size in North America (*Venues Today*, 2000 seat category), the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall is primed and ready to bring yet another star studded season to Sarasota! The 2013-2014 lineup includes music icons such as **Michael McDonald, Yanni, Wynton Marsalis, Katharine McPhee, Merle Haggard, and Sutton Foster!** Returning to the hall, favorites **Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Vince Gill, and Dave Koz** are sure to bring the house down with their extraordinary performances. Comedy legends, new and old alike, include Jay Leno, Jerry Seinfeld, Lewis Black, Ron White, and Bill Cosby to name a few! The Broadway Season sees a number of Sarasota premieres, along with a few fond classics that are near and dear to both Broadway aficionados and new comers. Returning tours include **Disney's Beauty and The Beast, Hello Dolly! starring Sally Struthers, Man of La Mancha, and Mamma Mia!** while fresh off Broadway performances include the high energy **Green Day's American Idiot** and **Million Dollar Quartet**, Tony Award for *Best Musical* winner **Memphis**, along with the Tony-nominated **Bring It On: The Musical**. The Classical Series features piano virtuoso **Lang Lang**, the **Academy of St. Martin in the Fields with Musical Director and Soloist Joshua Bell, and the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. Pilobolus and Complexions** bring some fresh innovative dance fused with classical beauty to round out a season that is sure to make a few memories and cause uncontrollable smiling in all who witness it at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall.

The Variety Series:

Our 2013-2014 season starts off with the Legend, the Music, and the Voice of **Diana Ross (Sept. 11)**. A true Sarasota favorite, Diana Ross is the perfect artist to kick off our fantastic season. Selling over 100 million records, the undeniably talented Diana Ross has an amazing eighteen #1 hits including songs such as "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "Upside Down," and many more! Next up; you've seen the show; you've seen the moves; but, you have not seen anything, until you have seen it LIVE! The FOX Television smash hit, **So You Think You Can Dance (Oct 27)**, hits the road with their 2013 finalists, to bring you the most eye popping, jaw dropping performance you've never seen! Kick back and relax with the laid back style of contemporary country superstar **Rodney Atkins**

(Nov. 1). Featuring hit singles like “If You’re Going Through Hell,” “Watching You,” “These Are My People,” and “It’s America,” Rodney Atkins is one of the strongest voices in country music today. **Celtic Thunder (Nov. 15)** returns with their brand new show *Mythology*, which presents the perfect blend of entertainment, ideology, and Gaelic spirituality, providing a modern twist on the old Celtic story telling tradition. *Come on Down* to the Van Wezel for **The Price Is Right Live! Stage Show (Nov. 17)**. America’s longest running TV game show is now live on stage, complete with its most popular games, including: *Plinko*, *Cliffhangers*, and even the *Big Wheel!* Hosted by Emmy Award-winning TV personality **Todd Newton**, it’s a night not to be missed! Iconic folk rock band, **America (Nov. 21)** had a slew of hits in the 70s, including “I Need You,” “A Horse with No Name,” “Sister Golden Hair,” and “Daisy Jane.” **Clint Black (Nov. 22)** has been heralded as one of Country music’s brightest stars, through his hit albums like *Killin’ Time*, *No Time to Kill*, *Nothin’ but the Taillights*, and *Spend My Time*. He has begun work on his first new album in 7 years, and may mix some of this fresh new material with his notable classics. Take a nostalgic journey as **John Denver – A Rocky Mountain High (Nov. 23)** brings together original members from John Denver’s band along with a full string section and multimedia footage of Denver to create an incredibly intimate look into the life and music of this musical luminary. **Cirque Dreams (Nov. 24)** returns with its “**Holidaze**” show, reimagined through the eyes of world renowned director Neil Goldberg. With a mix of original music, seasonal favorites, and sensational costumed artists performing astonishing feats of disbelief, this show spices up the holiday season with a fresh eclectic vibrancy.

Leave it to **Dave Koz and Friends (Nov. 29)** to warm your Christmas spirit with their elegant, yet lively arrangements of seasonal favorites. On this season’s tour, which again opens at the Van Wezel, Dave Koz leads a “dream team” of international musicians, featuring smooth jazz/jazz-fusion keyboardist, **Keiko Matsui**; South African singer/songwriter, **Jonathan Butler**; and consummate artist-composer-producer-musician **Oleta Adams**. **Yanni (Dec. 1)** returns with his **World Without Borders** tour. His latest album marked his return to the contemporary instrumental style that made him an international superstar. The last time Yanni took to the Van Wezel stage the audience went wild! So you don’t want to miss this unbelievable night. If you did not catch it the first time, the hysterical **50 Shades: The Musical (Dec. 2)** parody of the 50 Shades of Grey books, returns for a second round of side splitting raunchy laughter. New to the Van Wezel, **Cheap Trick (Dec. 5)** has been reigning as the supreme power-pop group since the 1970s. And, with a jaw dropping 40 gold and platinum certified recording awards, it is hard to deny them such a status. Touting classics like “I Want You to Want Me,” “Surrender,” and “The Flame,” their genre-bending style is full of catchy riffs and anthem style vocal melodies. Returning to the Van Wezel, **Michael McDonald (Dec. 10)** brings his seasonal tour “**This Christmas An Evening of Holiday & Hits**,” in which he reinvents some of your favorite holiday classics and features his hits with his distinctly soulful style. Bringing their New York brand of holiday spirit, the **New York Tenors Christmas (Dec. 12)** brings together Andy Cooney, Daniel Rodriguez, and Michael Amante, to create a concert experience of the highest caliber. Performing holiday favorites and some of the best from Broadway, Opera, Film & American Classics, these charismatic tenors showcase the true artistry of vocal performance, and present it with New York class and style. The **Hungarian State Folk**

Ensemble (Dec. 13) provides a glimpse of the traditional folk music and dance that harkens back to the rich Hungarian heritage which was inspired by classical composers such as Liszt, Brahms, Kodály and Bartók. The legendary, Tony Award-winning, **Bernadette Peters (Dec. 15)** returns to dazzle Sarasota once more! Fresh off the critically acclaimed production of *Follies*, Bernadette will perform selections from a few of her stellar Broadway performances and standards, Rogers & Hammerstein, and Stephen Sondheim songs. **Danú Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig in Éirinn (Dec. 16)** brings an international flavor to our Christmas variety with their traditional Irish holiday cheer, featuring an ensemble of virtuoso musicians and the gorgeous voice of Muireann Nic Amhlaobh. The **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra** returns with Grammy winning trumpeter **Wynton Marsalis**, and special guest vocalist, the supremely talented young jazz prodigy, **Cécile McLorin Salvant (Dec. 17)**, to perform some classic jazz masterpieces, a few originals, and some seasonal holiday favorites. The quintessential holiday show, **A Christmas Carol (Dec. 22)**, as presented by the phenomenal Nebraska Theatre Caravan, tells the classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge's reconciliation with the Christmas spirit, like no other.

Leading us into January, Blue Collar Comedy veteran, and two-time Grammy nominated comedian, **Ron White (Jan. 2)** returns to deliver a healthy dose of laughter through his hysterical recounting of wacky stories from his childhood and rise to fame. For over 60 years, **B.B. King (Jan. 4)** has inspired generations of songwriters and guitarist to pursue his trail blazing style of guitar mastery. With over 50 albums under his belt, B.B. King is a large part of the foundation upon which much of American popular music has been built, and his contribution to the history of American music is monumental. **The Preservation Hall Jazz Band (Jan. 5)** returns with a revitalized presence, new young blood, and a fresh approach to cross-genre collaboration. Son of the founders of the Hall, and Band Director, Ben Jaffe has taken the group to new heights, and is sure to continue their legacy. Back by popular demand, **Neil Sedaka (Jan. 7)** brings 50 years of hit songs, including "Oh! Carol," "Calendar Girl," "Little Devil," "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen," and "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do." **In The Mood – A 1940's Musical Revue (Jan. 8)** presents a retro 1940s musical revue, featuring the In The Mood Singers and Dancers, with the sensational String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra. American Idol star, **Katharine McPhee (Jan. 13)** proudly makes her Sarasota debut. Katharine developed a massive following during her run on NBC's *Smash*, and has stunned the world with her incredibly captivating voice. **ABBA the Concert (Jan. 17)** will bring one of the greatest pop phenomena back to life. The concept combines the best ABBA tribute groups with members of the original ABBA band, creating a truly unique experience that will have you on your feet singing every last word to many of your favorites like; "Dancing Queen," "SOS," "The Winner Takes It All," and "Mamma Mia." International music legend, **Engelbert Humperdinck (Jan. 19)** performs songs with eternal themes of love and longing. Lovers have always found a connection with his incredible portrayal of lasting romance, and with #1 hits like "Release Me," "The Last Waltz," "After the Lovin," and "A Man Without Love," it is easy to understand why. What more can you say about **Jerry Lewis (Jan. 21)**? The multifaceted comedian has made millions smile through his movies, TV shows, Stage performances, recordings, radio programs, books, personal appearances, and continues to be an entertainment superstar to this day!

Bringing some “down-home” flavor to the 2013-2014 season, **Merle Haggard (Jan. 29)** defines the true country artist. With over 50 years under his belt, Merle has seamlessly blended the classic country style with that of folk, blues, and even jazz, creating a style that earned him 39 #1 hits! **Linda Eder (Jan. 30)** showcases one of the greatest contemporary voices of our time. Her diverse repertoire spans Broadway, standards, pop, country, and jazz. Rightfully so, Linda’s award winning Broadway performances have made her one of America’s, and Sarasota’s, most beloved singers and dynamic live performers. The World Famous **Glenn Miller Orchestra (Feb. 3)** has been wowing audiences with their quintessential big band sound for 60 years. Toe tapping classics like “In The Mood,” “Chattanooga Choo Choo,” “A String of Pearls,” “Moonlight Serenade,” and “Tuxedo Junction” have made Glenn Miller synonymous with the excitement and energy of big band swing. “The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook,” **Michael Feinstein (Feb. 6)** is considered one of the premier interpreters of American Standards, and his latest tour, ***Swinging With the Big Band***, takes you on a toe-tapping journey which celebrates the singers and songs of the big band era of the 1930’s and 1940’s. Late night television legend, **Jay Leno (Feb. 7)** spent over two decades propelling the *Tonight Show* to unheard of levels of success with his witty approach to current events and entertainment. Jay Leno is also the star of this season’s Van Wezel Foundation Gala. Gala tickets include prime seating for his performance, dinner, an exclusive after-party, and are available through the Van Wezel Foundation at 941-366-5578. **Kenny Rogers (Feb. 8)** has a list of mega-hits that reads like a soundtrack of the last 50 years. With songs like “The Gambler,” “Lucille,” “We’ve Got Tonight,” “She Believes in Me,” “You Decorated My Life,” and so many more, it’s easy to see how this international superstar has sold more than 120 million records! **Kenny Loggins (Feb. 9)**, on the other hand, is the reigning soundtrack superstar, who has rocked his way onto the playlist of every road-trip playlist since the 1980s. Songs like “Danger Zone,” “Footloose,” “This Is It,” “Keep the Fire,” and “Nobody’s Fool,” strike a chord with everyone that enjoys the soulful sound of a highly talented singer-songwriter. Almost 50 years ago, the **Irish Rovers (Feb. 13)** kick-started the explosion of popular Irish music in America with their skillfully authentic, and energetically vibrant, brand of Celtic composition. They continue to tour to this day, bringing Celtic joy and pride to the masses!

Looking for the perfect Valentine’s Day date night? The fabulous **Tony Bennett (Feb. 14)** is just your ticket! Melting hearts for over 60 years, this legend lays claim to some of the most romantic songs ever sung! One of stand-up comedy’s heavy hitters, **Lewis Black (Feb. 15)** and his hilariously neurotic style of comedy, will leave you rolling in the aisles with his new show, ***The Rant is Due***. The Comedy Central regular has amassed 6 stand-up specials and his own TV show. Proving that he is worth his weight in comedic gold! The **Masters of Illusion – Live! (Feb. 16)** is a spectacular stage phenomenon comprised of the most astonishing and amazing magical performers in the world! Audiences are constantly entertained by the myriad of magic and comedy at a pace that moves in a blink of an eye! **The Hit Men (Feb. 17)** are not Actors! not a Tribute Band! They are the actual guys you saw and heard perform with the likes of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Tommy James and The Shondells, and many more! Hear the original voices sing those classics one more time, LIVE! The world’s #1 Tribute to the Bee Gees **Stayin’ Alive (Feb.**

18) brings the songs, sights, and energy of a full Bee Gees concert, to the Van Wezel stage. Sing along with “Jive Talkin’,” “Stayin’ Alive,” “How Deep is Your Love,” “You Should Be Dancing,” and their softer ballads like “Massachusetts,” “Words,” and “To Love Somebody,” and relive one of the most exciting acts in music history! Recently nominated for yet another Emmy Award, **Bob Newhart (Feb. 25)** is back by popular demand! Wholesome sketch classics like “The Driving Instructor,” “Sir Walter Raleigh,” and “The Submarine Instructor,” have become staples of American comedy, and over 50 years later, Bob Newhart still has it! Award-winning actress, singer and dancer, **Sutton Foster (Mar. 1)** has become a mainstay on the Broadway scene with her roles in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Little Women*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Shrek the Musical*, and her Tony® Award-winning *Best Actress* in her performances of *Anything Goes* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Her collaboration with Musical Director, Michael Rafter has resulted in the release of two incredible albums, *Wish* and *Sutton Foster: Live at The Carlyle*. Food Network’s **Alton Brown (Mar. 2)** exemplifies culinary comedic calamity with **The Edible Inevitable Tour**. Come for a wild evening of stand-up comedy, talk show antics, multimedia lecture, live music, and food experimentation! For those hoping to sip at the pure source of Brownian wit and wisdom, this is a must-see extravaganza for the whole family.

America’s premier comedian, **Jerry Seinfeld (Mar. 7)** returns to perform his signature stand-up routine for one night only! Seinfeld has been hailed for his uncanny ability to joke about the little things in life that relate to audiences everywhere. You don’t want to miss your chance to see this Emmy® & Golden Globe Award-winning entertainment icon! Equally as legendary, **Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons (Mar. 10)** return with their list of hit songs like “Sherry,” “Walk Like A Man/Lucky Ladybug,” and “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” which take us back to the golden age of music. **The Wonderful Wizard of Song: The Music of Harold Arlen (Mar. 11)** drops you right in the middle of the Yellow Brick Road, and sends you off to see the wizard! With rare, behind the scenes footage from the *Wizard of Oz*, this show is a joyous musical filled with the greatest hits of Oz composer Harold Arlen, including; “That Old Black Magic,” “World On A String,” “One For My Baby,” “Accentuate The Positive,” “Stormy Weather,” “Paper Moon,” “Somewhere Over The Rainbow,” and many others! The **Peking Acrobats (Mar. 12)** are comprised of China’s most gifted tumblers, contortionists, jugglers, cyclists, and gymnasts. Complemented by live musicians playing traditional Chinese instruments, these acrobats have perfected the 2,000 year old tradition of blowing your mind! **Aaron Neville’s (Mar. 13)** distinctive vocal tone has landed him 4 Platinum-selling albums and multiple top-20 hits, including “All My Life,” “I Don’t Know Much,” and “Everybody Plays The Fool.” Along with the **Dirty Dozen Brass Band**, this night of music with a New Orleans twist couldn’t have a more all-star lineup. An entertainment legend of unparalleled accomplishment and talent, **Joan Rivers (Mar. 15)** is an internationally renowned comedienne, Emmy Award-winning television talk show host, Tony Award-nominated actress, bestselling author, playwright, screenwriter, film director, columnist, lecturer, syndicated radio host, jewelry designer, cosmetic-company entrepreneur, and red-carpet fashion laureate! She’s outrageous and uncensored. **Bill Cosby (Mar. 16)** has captivated generations of fans with his comedy routines, iconic albums, and best-selling books such as *Fatherhood*. His comedy transcends age, gender

and cultural barriers, creating an environment of wholesome fun and laughter that will warm the heart! One of the forerunners of their genre, the **Irish Tenors (Mar. 19)** take their superb vocal ability and apply it to Irish classics like “Danny Boy” and “Whiskey in the Jar,” while also paying homage to beautiful pop classics like “My Heart Will Go On.”

Country Music Hall of Fame Inductee, **Vince Gill (Mar. 21)**, is as well known to his fans for his incredible music, as he is to fellow musicians for his virtuoso guitar work. Performing hit songs like “I Still Believe in You,” “One More Last Chance,” and “Tryin’ to Get Over You,” this Sarasota favorite never fails to put on a stellar show! United in their South African heritage, Zulu-pop crossover artist **Johnny Clegg (Mar. 23)** and three-time Grammy Award winning vocal group **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** have recently hit the road together in a series of hugely successful shows across North America. The tour presents a truly unique look into the world music genre, as it relates to South Africa. Two-time Tony® Award winner, **Patti LuPone (Mar. 25)** returns to the Van Wezel with a new one-woman show, *Gypsy In My Soul*. Featuring a mix of classic songs from some of her most awe-inspiring performances in shows like *Gypsy*, *Anything Goes*, and *Oliver!*; as well as some of her personal pop favorites. If you enjoyed the *Where the Action Is!* television show, you will love the **Where The Action Is Tour! (Mar. 26)**. This show features **Paul Revere and The Raiders**, plus their guest stars, **The Association** and **Mitch Ryder**, in a time traveling machine that will take you back to that free, and fun-loving time! There’s a surprise around every corner, and memories that will bring you right back to that great time in your life! Twenty years, and 9 albums later, the **Indigo Girls (Mar. 27)**, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have gone back to their roots of self-producing their music, and have blazed 4 incredible new albums with this rekindled fire! Their debut at the Van Wezel will be accompanied by an orchestra. Additionally, their new material is a beautifully mastered collection that they feel is a product of their “heart ruling the performance, not their head;” a sentiment that clearly translates to the stage with this legendary duo. **The Midtown Men (Mar. 30)** return to Sarasota with their unique Broadway flare and bravura, as they sing hits from The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Jackson Five, The Four Seasons and more! Before John Stewart and Stephen Colbert, there was **Mark Russell (Mar. 31)**, daring to joke and sing of the often absurd political process! With impeccable timing, twinkling eyes and shock-of-recognition insights into American politics, Mark draws merriment from the pomposity of public life! **Mandy Patinkin: Dress Casual with Paul Ford on Piano (Apr. 1)** presents the Emmy-winning TV star and Tony-winning Broadway legend in his most electrifying role: concert performer. “Mandy Patinkin is in the business of show-stopping,” raves The New Yorker. **“Masters of the Fiddle,” Natalie McMaster & Donnell Leahy (Apr. 13)** are the royal couple of fiddle who never fail to wrap the audience up in a whirlwind of fiddle-driven music, complete with dancers, singers, and full band. Rounding out our variety series is **Men Are From Mars – Women Are From Venus LIVE! (Apr. 24)**. The hilarious fusion of theatre and stand-up starring Peter Story, is a side-splitting one-man show that makes for the perfect date night! Covering everything from dating and marriage, to the bedroom, couples will elbow each other in laughter as they see themselves reflected on stage!

The Broadway Series: Sponsored by Wilde Lexus of Sarasota & ABC 7

Leading off our Broadway series is the smash hit **Mamma Mia! (Oct. 29 & 30)**. This dazzling show combines the classic hits of ABBA into a feel good tale of love, laughter, and friendship. Featuring mega hits like “Dancing Queen,” “S.O.S.,” “Super Trouper,” “Take A Chance on Me,” “The Winner Takes It All” and many more. Winner of ten Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, **Hello, Dolly! (Dec. 3 & 4)** is one of the most enduring Broadway classics of all time. Starring, Emmy Award Winner **Sally Struthers**, as the irrepressible matchmaker, Dolly Levi, the unforgettable score includes “Put on Your Sunday Clothes,” “It Only Takes A Moment,” and the show-stopping “Before the Parade Passes By.” The first National Touring Company of **Godspell (Jan. 15)**, inspired by the 2011 Tony nominated BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL of Stephen Schwartz’s rock musical premieres at the Van Wezel. Conceived by John-Michael Tebelak, this groundbreaking show boasts a string of well-loved songs, led by the international hit, “Day by Day.” Other favorites include “Save the People,” “Learn Your Lessons Well,” “By My Side” and many more. Winner of five Tony Awards, **Man of La Mancha (Feb. 20)**, follows the imprisoned Miguel de Cervantes as he performs his version of Don Quixote as a form of defense in a mock trial. Featuring the musical classic, “The Impossible Dream,” Man of La Mancha is a Broadway favorite. High energy, and full of excitement, **Memphis (Feb. 24)**, a Sarasota premiere, is a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love, inspired by actual events! Based on a white DJ who wants to change the world and a black club singer who is ready for her big break, this rockin’ show is filled with laughter, heart tugging emotion, and musical exhilaration! **Chicago: The Musical (Mar. 4 & 5)** has everything that makes Broadway great: a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz; one show-stopping song after another; and the most astonishing dancing you’ve ever seen. Chicago is the longest running American musical on Broadway.

Returning to the Van Wezel, NETworks presents: **Disney’s Beauty and the Beast (Mar. 17 & 18)**. Experience the most beautiful love story ever told brought to life! The Broadway smash-hit transcends generational boundaries and strikes a chord with its unforgettable numbers like “Be Our Guest.” **Bring It On: The Musical (Apr. 2)**, a Sarasota premiere, will take you on a high-flying journey through friendship, forgiveness, and determination. Inspired by the hit film, it’s the story of the challenges and unexpected bonds formed through the thrill of extreme competition. Equally filled with young energy, **Green Day’s American Idiot (Apr. 7)**, a Sarasota premiere, tells the story of three lifelong friends, who are forced to choose between their dreams and the safety of suburbia. Based on Green Day’s Grammy Award-winning album, American Idiot takes the American musical where it’s never gone before. **Million Dollar Quartet (Apr. 8 & 9)** brings the audience back to 1956, and tells the story of the famous Sun Record Studio session where Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins had their groundbreaking jam session. Featuring classic tunes like “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “I Walk the Line,” “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin On,” and “Hound Dog,” this story tells the tale of what many would call the first “super-group.”

The 2013-2014 Broadway Series also offers four stellar Broadway Specials, including: **Defending The Caveman (Nov. 30)** is a charming one man play about the ways men and women relate to each other. Without taking sides, this hilarious observational comedy takes on contemporary feminism, masculine sensitivity and the erogenous zones in a way that cuts straight to the funny bone. **Under The Streetlamp (Dec. 11)**, a Sarasota premiere, celebrates the hits of the '40s, '50s, and '60s. Singing classics from that golden age, this highly talented quartet is backed by a full band, and brings to life all the excitement and energy of bands like The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, and many more. The ultimate rock and roll love story, **Rock of Ages (Jan. 16)** tells its timeless tale of a small town dreamer destined for greatness, all through the songs of Journey, Styx, Foreigner, Pat Benatar, and Whitesnake. Lastly, returning to the Van Wezel is **Steve Solomon** with a new show: **Cannolis, Latkis, & Guilt! The Therapy Continues (Jan. 26)**. Featuring his very best wacky bits from all 3 award winning shows, including *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish, and I'm In Therapy*, this new show pulls it all together, along with new material, into a treasure trove of laughter!

The Dance Series:

The 2013-2014 Dance Series showcases some incredibly powerful and provocative dance performances from all over the world. First off, we have **Tango Fire (Nov. 16)**, a Sarasota premiere, bringing the speedy footwork and tight twirling that has fascinated people the world over. Two of the greatest virtuosos to ever come out of Alvin Ailey land, Dwight Rhoden and Desmond Richardson bring us **Complexions (Feb. 4)**, a Sarasota premiere which redefines the art form through a spirit of dance rooted in the appreciation and expression of the artistic and aesthetic value found in dance forms across all cultures. **Pilobolus (Feb. 12)** enters its 42nd year of beautifully intense and fiercely creative dance innovation, while sticking with their tradition of providing an inclusive show with a light dose of humor. **The Moscow Festival Ballet** presents **Don Quixote (Feb. 27)**; an epic tale of Don Quixote's quest for his beloved Dulcinea, resulting in a delusional, yet romantic, quest through the countryside. The reinvented **Rhythm of the Dance (Feb. 28)** returns with its fiery Celtic dance extravaganza. Touting an even more grandiose stage show, full of electricity and finesse, it features an outstanding cast of gifted young dancers, musicians, and Irish tenors.

The Classical Series:

The 2013-2014 Classical Series will include: **The Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel (Jan. 22)** featuring **Boguslaw Dawidow**, Principal Guest Conductor and **Roman Rabinovich**, Pianist. Founded over 60 years ago, The Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel is the most significant musical institute in its region. Piano virtuoso **Lang Lang (Feb. 26)** is returning to the Van Wezel to perform his first solo concert. This highly acclaimed pianist has become highly sought after by many of the world's greatest orchestras. A must see! **The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, with Musical Director and Soloist, Joshua Bell (Mar. 14)**, brings together two greats of the classical world for a truly remarkable experience. The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields is world renowned for its highly skilled

performers. And, Joshua Bell is considered to be one of the greatest violinists today. The Van Wezel will also welcome back the Classical Special: **Salute to Vienna with The Strauss Symphony of America (Jan. 3)**. Their New Year's Concert has been a hit at the Van Wezel 15 years, and they are returning with a fresh, new program which for the first time is being featured on PBS with a new television special filmed at the Vienna Opera House!

Van Wezel Family Nights are sponsored by *Boar's Head, Mattison's, Keiser University, Square One Burgers (for Memphis)*

We are proud to announce that this season's five Van Wezel Family Nights are:

Cirque Dreams Holiday (Nov. 24)

Masters of Illusion (Feb. 16)

Memphis (Feb. 24)

NETworks Presents: Disney's Beauty and The Beast (Mar. 17)

Bring It On: The Musical (Apr. 2)

For these performances, the Van Wezel offers a Buy 1 Adult ticket, get a school-aged Child ticket (age 6-18) FREE. On these family friendly evenings, join us for a post-show Q&A with performers in the Grand Foyer, as well as light appetizers, beverages and cake. Please request more info at the Box Office.

Information and New Additions

Single tickets go on sale Saturday, September 7 from 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday, September 8 from 10 AM to 6 PM at the Van Wezel Box Office, located at 777 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Want to skip the lines? The Van Wezel will again be offering the opportunity to make appointments for ticket purchasing on these two days only. Call our Box Office at 941-953-3368 and make your reservation today. Limited availability. You may also order tickets online at www.vanwezel.org or by calling 941-953-3368 or (800) 826-9309.

Variety Series Subscriptions are available by choosing 4 or more shows for a 15% discount (on most shows and sections), while several Broadway, Dance, and Orchestra series packages feature discount tickets and the best seats. Regular hours for the Box Office will begin Monday, September 9th, as follows: M-F 10-6; Sat. 10-4; open later hours on performance days, including Sundays. Discounts are available for Groups of 20 or more (some shows and sections are excluded). Join our E-mail Club at www.vanwezel.org to be the "first to know" about upcoming events and specials. Also, join the conversation on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, to get behind the scenes pictures, interviews, and more! The Van Wezel is also home to the Sarasota Orchestra, Sarasota Ballet, Ringling Town Hall and the Sarasota Concert Association, among others. The Van Wezel also offers Schooltime shows (for school groups) including: **The Math Maniac Show, Stuart Little, Teacher From the Black Lagoon, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Other, Doktor Kaboom! Loudout! Science is Coming, Five Little Monkeys, Four Score and Seven Years Ago, Pilobolus, and Junie B. Jones**. For more information and to buy tickets, contact the Van Wezel

Box office at (941) 953-3368 or log onto www.vanwezel.org. Performers, prices, performances, dates and times are subject to change without notice. There are no ticket refunds or exchanges unless an event is cancelled or rescheduled. Processing fees are non-refundable.

Full Season Performance Dates:

Diana Ross

Wed. September 11, 2013 @ 8pm

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So You Think You Can Dance

Sun. Oct. 27, 2013 @ 7 PM

Locally sponsored by Bright House Networks

Mamma Mia!

Tues. Oct. 29 & Wed. Oct. 30, 2013 @ 8pm

Rodney Atkins w/ special guest Frankie Ballard & others TBA

Fri. Nov. 1, 2013 @ 8:00 PM

Sponsored by 106.5 CTQ

Celtic Thunder: Mythology

Fri. Nov. 15, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

Tango Fire

Sat. Nov. 16, 2013 • 8pm

The Price Is Right Live! Stage Show

Sun. Nov. 17, 2013 @ 7pm

America

Thurs. Nov. 21, 2013 @ 8PM

Locally sponsored by Hotel Indigo, Sarasota

Clint Black

Fri. Nov. 22, 2013 @ 8pm

John Denver: A Rocky Mountain High Concert Celebration

Sat. Nov. 23, 2013 @ 8 PM

Locally sponsored by Wilde Lexus of Sarasota

Cirque Dreams Holiday

Sun. Nov. 24, 2013 @ 6 PM

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Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2013
Fri. Nov. 29, 2013 @ 8 PM
Part of the Boar's Head Family Series

Defending The Caveman
Sat. Nov. 30, 2013 @ 8pm

Yanni: World Without Borders
Sun. Dec. 1, 2014 @ 7pm

50 Shades: The Musical
Mon • Dec 2 • 8pm

Hello Dolly! Starring Sally Struthers
Tue. Dec. 3 & Wed. Dec. 4, 2013 @ 8pm

Cheap Trick
Thurs. Dec. 5, 2013 @ 8 PM

Michael McDonald: This Christmas - An Evening Of Holiday & Hits
Tues. Dec. 10, 2013 @ 8pm
Locally sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation and SNN Local News 6

Under The Streetlamp
Wed. Dec. 11, 2013 @ 8pm

New York Tenors Christmas
Thurs, Dec. 12, 2013 @ 8pm
Locally sponsored by Wilde Lexus of Sarasota

Hungarian State Folk Ensemble
Fri. Dec. 13, 2013 @ 8pm

Bernadette Peters
Sun. Dec. 15, 2013 @ 7 PM
Locally sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation and Sarasota Magazine

Danú Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig in Éirinn
Mon. Dec. 16, 2013 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Wilde Lexus of Sarasota

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and special guest Cécile McLorin Salvant
Tues. Dec. 17, 2013 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Sarasota Bay Rotary Club and SRQ Media Group

Sarasota Ballet: John Ringling's Circus Nutcracker
The World's Greatest Ballet
Friday, Dec 20, 2013 @ 8pm & Saturday, Dec. 21 @ 1:00pm & 8:00pm

A Christmas Carol
Sun. Dec. 22, 2013 @ 7 PM
Part of the Boar's Head Family Series

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker
Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 @ 1:00pm & 5:00pm

Ron White
Thurs. Jan. 2, 2014 @ 8pm
Part of the Herald-Tribune Media Group's Comedy Series

Salute to Vienna
Alexander Steinitz, conductor; Marcela Cerno, soprano; Michael Heim, tenor
Fri. Jan 3, 2014 @ 8pm
Locally Sponsored By WUSF Public Broadcasting

B.B. King
Sat. Jan. 4, 2014 @ 8:00 PM

Preservation Hall Jazz Band
Sun. Jan. 5, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
Locally sponsored by Wilde Lexus of Sarasota

Neil Sedaka
Tues. Jan. 7, 2014 @ 8 PM

In The Mood – A 1940's Musical Review
Wed. Jan. 8, 2014 @ 8 PM

Katharine McPhee
Mon. Jan. 13, 2014 @ 8pm
Locally Sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation

Godspell
Wed. Jan. 15, 2014 @ 8pm

Rock of Ages
Thurs. Jan. 16, 2014 @ 8pm

ABBA the Concert
Fri. Jan. 17, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Bright House Networks

Engelbert Humperdinck
Sun. Jan. 19, 2014 @ 7PM

Jerry Lewis
Tues. Jan. 21, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally Sponsored by Michael's On East

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel
Boguslaw Dawidow, Principal Guest Conductor
Roman Rabinovich, Pianist
Wed. Jan. 22, 2014 @ 8pm
Locally sponsored by The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee & WUSF Public Broadcasting

Steve Solomons
Cannolis, Latkis, & Guilt! The Therapy Continues
Sun. Jan. 26, 2014 @ 7pm

Merle Haggard
Wed. Jan. 29, 2014 @ 8pm

Linda Eder
Thurs. Jan. 30, 2014 @ 8 PM
Part of the Herald-Tribune Media Group's Cultural Series

The World Famous
Glenn Miller Orchestra
Mon. Feb. 3, 2014 @ 8 PM

Complexions
Tues. Feb. 4, 2014 @ 8pm
Locally sponsored by Wilde Lexus of Sarasota

Michael Feinstein
Swinging With the Big Band
Thurs. Feb. 6, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally Co-sponsored by Bradenton Herald

Jay Leno
Van Wezel Foundation Gala
Fri. Feb. 7, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation and part of the Herald-Tribune Media Group's Comedy Series

Kenny Rogers
Sat. Feb. 8, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally Sponsored by Argosy University and 106.5 CTQ

Kenny Loggins
Sun. Feb. 9, 2014 @ 7PM

Pilobolus
Wed. Feb. 12, 2014 @ 8pm

Irish Rovers
Thurs. Feb. 13, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Wilde Lexus of Sarasota

Tony Bennett
Fri. Feb. 14, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Sarasota Magazine

Lewis Black
The Rant is Due
Sat. Feb. 15, 2014 @ 8 PM
Part of Herald-Tribune Media Group's Comedy Series

Masters of Illusion - Live!
Sun. Feb. 16, 2014 @ 7 PM
Part of the Boar's Head Family Series

The Hit Men
Mon. Feb. 17, 2014 @ 8 PM

Stayin' Alive
Tues. Feb. 18, 2014 @ 8pm
Locally sponsored by SNN Local News 6

Man of La Mancha
Thu. Feb 20, 2014 @ 8pm

Memphis
Mon. Feb. 24, 2014 @ 8pm

Bob Newhart
Tues. Feb. 25, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation and part of the Herald-Tribune Media Group's Comedy Series

Lang Lang
Wed. Feb. 26, 2014 @ 8pm
Locally sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation and WUSF Public Broadcasting

The Moscow Festival Ballet: Don Quixote
Thurs. Feb. 27, 2014 @ 8pm
Co-sponsor The Fine Arts Society of Sarasota and Bright House Networks

Rhythm of The Dance
Fri. Feb. 28, 2014 @ 8pm

Sutton Foster
Sat. Mar. 1, 2014 @ 8pm
Sponsored by Grant's Gardens

Alton Brown – LIVE
Edible Inevitable Tour
Sun. Mar. 2, 2014 @ 7 PM
Locally sponsored by Morton's Gourmet Market and Bright House Networks
Co-sponsored by University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee

Chicago: The Musical
Tue. Mar. 4 & Wed. Mar. 5, 2014 @ 8pm

Jerry Seinfeld
Fri, Mar. 7, 2014 @ 7pm

Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons
Mon. Mar. 10, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by Pittsburgh Pirates/The Bradenton Marauders, Beneva Flowers and Gifts and Scene Magazine

The Wonderful Wizard of Song: The Music of Harold Arlen
Tues. Mar. 11, 2014 @ 8:00 PM

Peking Acrobats
Wed. Mar. 12, 2014 @ 7 PM
Part of the Boar's Head Family Series

Aaron Neville
The Dirty Dozen Brass Band From New Orleans
Thurs. Mar. 13, 2014 @ 8 PM
Locally sponsored by SNN Local News 6

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields
Joshua Bell, Musical Director & Soloist
Fri. Mar 14, 2014 @ 8pm
Locally sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation and WUSF Public Broadcasting

Joan Rivers
Sat. Mar. 15, 2014 @ 8 PM

Bill Cosby

Sun. Mar. 16, 2014 @ 3pm & 7pm

Part of the AT&T Star Series and part of the Herald-Tribune Media Group's Comedy Series

NETworks presents

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Mon. Mar. 17 & Tues. Mar. 18, 2014 @ 7pm

Irish Tenors

Wed. Mar. 19, 2014 @ 8pm

Vince Gill

Fri. Mar. 21, 2013 @ 8pm

Johnny Clegg with Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Sun. Mar. 23, 2014 @ 7 PM

Locally Sponsored by Touch of Africa & SRQ Media Group

Patti LuPone

The Gypsy in My Soul

Tues. Mar. 25, 2014 @ 8pm

Locally sponsored by Van Wezel Foundation and part of the Herald-Tribune Media Group's Cultural Series

Where the Action Is Tour

Wed. Mar. 26, 2014 @ 8 PM

Indigo Girls with Symphony Orchestra

Thurs. Mar. 27, 2014 @ 8 PM

Locally Sponsored by State College of Florida, Manatee- Sarasota and Part of the Herald-Tribune Media Groups Cultural Series

The Midtown Men

Sun. Mar. 30, 2014 @ 7PM

Mark Russell

Mon. Mar. 31, 2014 @ 8 PM

Part of the Herald-Tribune Media Group's Comedy Series

Mandy Patinkin: Dress Casual with Paul Ford on Piano

Tues. Apr. 1, 2014 @ 8pm

Locally sponsored by Piano Distributors

Bring It On: The Musical
Wed. Apr. 2, 2014 @ 8pm

Greenday's American Idiot
Mon. Apr. 7, 2014 @ 8pm

Million Dollar Quartet
Tue, Apr. 8 & Wed, Apr. 9, 2014 @ 8pm

Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy
"Masters of the Fiddle"
Sun. Apr 13, 2014 @ 7 PM

Men Are From Mars – Women Are From Venus LIVE!
Thurs. Apr. 24, 2014 @ 8pm

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