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THE CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS
Governors State University
BEST SEATS AVAILABLE TO SUBSCRIBERS ONLY — SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

THE CENTER IS COMMITTED TO BRINGING YOU THE BIGGEST SHOWS FOR THE LOWEST TICKET PRICES IN 2008-2009!

Choose Any 3 Shows and Receive: Savings of up to $5 off regular ticket prices, priority seating, ticket exchange privileges and entry in a drawing to win a downtown Chicago getaway including gift certificates for dining and hotel accommodations as well as a free gas card!* Choose 4 or More Shows and we’ll include an invitation to a private Subscriber Appreciation event at the world-famous Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University.

Choose 5 or More Shows and increase your savings up to $6 off regular ticket prices and receive a $25 voucher to be used for future main stage ticket purchases! **

* Must purchase before September 12 to be entered.
** Some restrictions apply.

SUBSCRIBE NOW TO SEE HAIRSPRAY:

Subscribers will receive the best seats for the National Broadway Tour of Hairspray. Single tickets for Broadway's Big Fat Musical Comedy Hit go on sale September 15, but you can reserve your seats today with the purchase of two additional shows. Plus receive all the subscriber benefits listed above!

As a subscriber, you never lose your investment. All subscribers can exchange or get in-house credit for free with 72-hour notice.

Check out our insider tips from some of our biggest fans! Family friendly show and prices!

EXCLUSIVE BACKSTAGE EXPERIENCE WITH The Stars of JERSEY BOYS!
Sunday, September 31 at 7pm
Cocktails and Dinner at 5 pm
$125

Don't miss your chance to meet members of the cast of the Tony Award-winning musical JERSEY BOYS! This intimate cabaret-style experience on The Center's stage includes VIP backstage access for photos with the cast.

Proceeds support future programming at The Center.

"It's nice to see that we can have the same quality performances that you would get in downtown Chicago."
— Tanya Greensoars, Dolton resident and Center patron
"Crosby and Nash's friendship and vocal empathy have been remarkable constants. There has been a deepening in their eternal-schoolboy tenors but no erosion in their melodic glide and choral precision."

— Rolling Stone

EXCLUSIVE CHICAGO AREA ENGAGEMENT!

An Evening with David Crosby & Graham Nash

Friday, October 31st at 8 pm

$59 / $72 / $79

Join us at The Center for an unforgettable Halloween bash featuring legendary singer-songwriters and Rock and Roll Hall of Famers David Crosby and Graham Nash.

EXCLUSIVE CHICAGO AREA ENGAGEMENT!

NBC's Last Comic Standing Live Tour

Saturday, October 11 at 8 pm

$38 / $51 / $58

See the world's funniest comics fresh from the sixth season of NBC's Emmy-nominated hit show! Top talent scouts from TV's hit comedies such as "The Office," "Scrubs," "Cheers" and "30 Rock" help find the comedians, then America votes on their favorites. See the winners you chose live at The Center!

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JUST IN TIME FOR THE 2008 ELECTION!
The Second City Touring Company DeFace the Nation
Saturday, November 1 at 8pm
$24 / $37 / $44

Poking fun at both political parties and a variety of pundits – Second City proves there's no shortage of comedy coming out of Washington DC in this or any year! From Bush to Clinton to Obama to the other Clinton, *DeFace the Nation* is a hilarious romp through the Beltway and beyond.

“A hard-working cast that features some big, crowd-pleasing voices”
— The New York Times

NATIONAL TOURING PRODUCTION!
Smokey Joe's Cafe
Saturday, November 15 at 8pm
$26 / $39 / $46

Flash back to your favorite Top 40 hits from the longest running musical revue in Broadway history like Elvis’ "Jailhouse Rock” and “Hound Dog,” Peggy Lee's "Is That All There Is?,” the Drifters’ “On Broadway,” the Clovers' “Love Potion #9” and the Coasters’ “Yakety-Yak.”

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BRAND NEW LIVE SHOW!

Magic Tree House: The Musical

Saturday, November 22 at 11 am & 3 pm
Sunday, November 23 at 2 pm

$26 / $33 / $41 Adults
$22 / $29 / $37 Children 16 & Under

Based on the New York Times best-selling book series by Mary Pope Osborne, this new musical transports one of Jack and Annie's Merlin Missions on to the stage to create a theatrical event for the entire family.

"The woman behind this industry, Mary Pope Osborne, obviously knows what young readers love. She has a gypsy spirit and a child's heart."
— The Times-Picayune

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CALL THE CENTER ABOUT BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES AT 708.235.2222!
SPECIAL HOLIDAY EVENT!
Christmas with Aaron Neville and his Quintet featuring Charles Neville
Saturday, December 6
at 8 pm
$53/$57/$64

"Anyone who so powerfully uses the gift of his voice to transform songs into angelic spirituals must have seen the light as soon as he saw the day."
— Rolling Stone

The Grammy Award winner returns to The Center for an intimate evening of classic Neville hits and holiday favorites inspired by hits from his Christmas Prayer and Soulful Christmas CDs.
New York Theatre Ballet presents Sleeping Beauty and Carnival of the Animals

Sunday, January 25 at 4 pm
$28 / $41 / $48 Adults
$23 / $36 / $43 Children 16 & Under
FREE, POST-SHOW MEET AND GREET WITH THE STARS OF SHOW!

Every young lady will want to wear her favorite princess dress for this special performance from the Once Upon a Ballet series! Two unsuspecting children are met by a charming assortment of animals when they wander into the forest in Carnival of the Animals and the classic tale of Sleeping Beauty is brought to life through dance and the music of Tchaikovsky. A royal treat to share with your family!

The Nutcracker Salt Creek Ballet
WITH CHICAGO YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FEATURING SOLOISTS FROM AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE

Saturday, December 13 at 1 pm & 5 pm
Sugar Plum Party at 3 pm
$20 / $33 / $40 Adults
$15 / $28 / $35 Children 16 & Under
$10 Sugar Plum Party

Enjoy our traditional holiday presentation of the exciting fairy tale ballet about young Clara, the debonair Nutcracker Prince, and a thrilling Christmas Eve journey filled with swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers, giant mice and sugar plum fairies. A holiday must see for the entire family!

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3 BALLETs. 2 PARTIES. 1 LOW TICKET PRICE!
SAVE UP TO 50% OFF REGULAR PRICES!

Purchase a ticket to the Nutcracker and New York Theatre Ballet at $46 for adults and $36 for children under 16 and receive:

* Free ticket to our annual Nutcracker Sugar Plum Party ($10 value)
* Free cookie voucher for New York Theatre Ballet plus...
* Meet the stars of Sleeping Beauty and Carnival of the Animals after the show.
Mike Super — Magic and Illusion
Saturday, January 31 at 8pm
$24 / $37 / $44 Adults
$19 / $32 / $39 Children 16 & Under

Awarded Best Performing Arts Entertainer of the Year, Best Novelty Entertainer of the Year and winner of NBC's hit show Phenomenon, this super magician will dazzle with his mystifying talents and even make a car appear on stage (and everyone in the audience has a chance to win it)!

Car courtesy of Planet Dealerships

"Mike Super had them on and off their feet... from levitation to standing ovation [he] oooed and aahed a crowd."
— Daytona Beach News Journal

The Lettermen with Trio Musicians
Saturday, February 14 at 8pm
$36 / $49 / $56

Hailed as the most romantic group of the '60s, this group will perform hits such as "The Way You Look Tonight" and "When I Fall In Love" on Valentine's Day.

Balcony seats are more affordable than ever with prices starting at just $20!
THE GILBERT AND SULLIVAN CLASSIC!

Opera A La Carte:

The Mikado

Sunday, February 22 at 4pm
$29 / $42 / $49

Sponsored by:
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Patricia and Martin Freeman
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Take a trip to the imaginary Japanese town of Titipu and meet a colorful cast of characters including the Mikado (emperor of Japan), his son Nanki Poo and the delightful Princess Yum-Yum singing deliciously lighthearted songs such as "Three little maids from school are we" and much more!

Pre-performance workshop presented by Opera A La Carte Artistic Director and star of the Mikado, Richard Sheldon – 3:00pm.

The Pink Floyd Experience

Saturday, February 28 at 8pm
$34 / $47 / $54

From a surreal video to a psychedelic light display, from a crumbling 45-foot wall to a hair-raising helicopter appearance and featuring a 12-foot long pig blimp... this larger-than-life show pays homage to one of rock and roll’s greatest icons. Their covers of hits like "Comfortably Numb," "Another Brick in the Wall" and "Money" will blow you away!

"There isn't a bad seat in the building and the location is perfect."
– James Renick, Chicago
Available to subscribers first! Single tickets on sale September 15th.

“A great big fat gorgeous hit!”
— The New York Post

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hairspray

NATIONAL BROADWAY TOURING PRODUCTION

Hairspray
Friday, March 13 at 8 pm
& Saturday, March 14 at 2 pm and 8 pm
$54 / $58 / $65
$44 / $48 / $55 2 pm Matinee

It's 1962, and pleasantly plump Baltimore teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire — to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star, but she must use her newfound power to vanquish the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin and integrate a TV network — all without denting her 'do!

Pre-performance lecture — “The Music of the 60's as it Reflects Upon the Politics of the Era” — Saturday at 1 pm.
Led by the legendary Juan de Marcos González of the famous Buena Vista Social Club, this internationally renowned band spans 4 generations of musicians ranging from the age of 81 to 13 who perform a powerhouse mix of all styles of Cuban music including bolero, salsa, rumba and more.

DRUMLine Live
Saturday, March 21 at 7 pm
$39 / $46

Featuring a large cast of performers from America’s historically black colleges and universities, this production presents sounds of the great brass past including Earth, Wind and Fire and Tower of Power side-by-side with the hottest contemporary hip-hop and R&B. You've seen the movie starring Nick Cannon and Orlando Jones, now feel the beat live!

"I admire that The Center gives opportunities for many seasoned and up & coming performers... from all diverse ethnic backgrounds a chance to perform there."
— Rochelle Glenn, Kankakee
The Kingston Trio
Sunday, May 3 at 5pm
$25 / $40 / $45

Don't miss this group's trademark three-part harmony and clean, crisp sound with favorites such as "Scotch N Soda," "Michael Row Your Boat Ashore" and "Tom Dooley."

"[They] are keeping the folk music revival revived with rollicking tunes and ballads."
— The Grand Rapids Press

CHICAGO PREMIERE!
To Kill A Mockingbird Performed by Montana Repertory Theatre
Saturday, May 9 at 8pm
$27 / $34 / $42

Winner of the 1960 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird is unquestionably an American classic. The full-length play gives audiences the chance to witness the effect the trial has on an entire community.

"...from the opening to the closing standing ovation, To Kill a Mockingbird was powerful and gripping..."
— The Chieftain, Pueblo, CO
The Mammoth Follies
Saturday, October 18 at 11 am
$10.50 / $11.50 / $15.50 / $10 Dinosaur Party

Explore the wonders of evolution in a revue of original songs, witty jokes and earth-smashing dances performed by giant dinosaur puppets. Join us after the show for a mammoth dinosaur party!

"My kids love the plays and it costs about the same as taking them to a movie, which I really appreciate!"
— Shelli Trevino, Bourbonnais

A Christmas Carol
Sunday, December 7 at 4 pm
$10.50 / $11.50 / $15.50

Charles Dickens' holiday classic is performed as a one-hour musical that is perfect for all ages.

"A thorough delight: inspired, funny and intimate."
— The New York Times

TWO BIG SHOWS!
Junie B. Jones
Saturday, May 2, at 11 am and 1 pm
$10.50 / $11.50 / $15.50

She's back! The outspoken, precocious, lovable first-grader Junie B. Jones stars in a colorful, funny, fast-paced musical about new friends, new glasses, sugar cookies and other tricky first grade situations.

Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts (CCPA) presents its 6th annual series of free concerts featuring some of the school's most gifted performers and world-renowned faculty.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Tuesday, October 14 7:30 pm
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
AND CHORUS
Monday, November 17 7:30 pm
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Tuesday, February 17 7:30 pm
JAZZ ENSEMBLES
Tuesday, December 9 7:30 pm
OPERATEATRE
WITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Tuesday, March 10 7:30 pm
VIVID '09
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Sunday, April 5 7:30 pm
TICKET INFORMATION
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To Place Your Ticket Order
Call 708-235-2222 or stop by during Box Office hours: Mon – Sat: 10am – 4pm
Performance Days:
The Box Office is open two hours prior to curtain and through intermission.
Fax your completed order form to: 708-235-2121.
Mail your completed order form to:
The Center for Performing Arts
Governors State University
1 University Parkway
University Park, Illinois
60466-0975

Balcony Tickets
Join us in the balcony with a limited number of affordable $13 seats for most shows.

Group Sales
For Group Rates, call 800-386-6321.

Assisted Services & Seating
The Center has an elevator and special seating areas for easy wheelchair accessibility. Audio amplification is available for the hearing impaired.

Location & Parking
From I-57, exit at Sauk Trail. Travel east 1/2 mile to Cicero Avenue (Route 50). Drive south to University Parkway (Stuenkel Road) and turn left. The GSU entrance is located 1/2 mile down on right. Free parking is available. Metra train service available to University Park station.

Ticket Policies
All sales are final. There are no refunds or exchanges on single tickets (see Protect Your Investment!) or group sales. All dates and performances are subject to change. Any tickets added to subscription at a later date will be based on the same discount you receive (if any) when you place this order. Ticket exchange policy for subscribers only is 72 hours in advance.

Protect Your Investment!
For a fee of just $5.00 per show, single ticket buyers have the option of upgrading their order to include the same ticket exchange privileges as subscribers. When ordering your tickets mention you want to “Protect Your Investment” to our box office personnel. Or check the appropriate box when ordering online.

Support The Center
Help The Center continue to be your home for affordable educational and entertaining programs for audiences of all ages. Please add your tax-deductible contribution to your order. Every gift counts!

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**Grand Total**

**Handling Charge** $16.00

**Savings** up to 15% off regular ticket prices, priority seating, ticket exchange privileges and more!

**Special Projects Fund**

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☐ Check enclosed made payable to The Center at GSU

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**Account #**

**Exp. Date**

**Signature**

**Seating Preference (Check One):** ☐ Orchestra  ☐ Mezzanine  ☐ Balcony  ☐ Handicapped

**Subtotal** $_____

**Tax Deductible Contrib** $_____

**Handling Charges** $6.00

**Grand Total** $_____

$3 of every Mainstage ticket will go towards the Special Projects Fund
ORDER TICKETS TODAY! 708-235-2222

BRAND NEW! NATIONAL TOURING PRODUCTION

Magic Tree House: The Musical

Saturday, November 22 at 11 am & 3 pm
Sunday, November 23 at 2 pm
Tickets start at $22!

The popular children's series by Mary Pope Osborne is now a musical. Join Jack and Annie as they journey to Camelot and use the power of imagination to save their Magic Tree House and the memory of this magical land.

"A rock star in the children's literary world."
— The Times-Picayune