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From the Executive Director

As you sit waiting for the lights to dim and the show to begin, think back a few years to the first time you became aware of the idea and heard the excitement about building a performing arts center here, in the south suburbs of Chicago—perhaps in your backyard. You may have thought it was a great idea, but would it ever happen? And if so, when?

Now, before the lights dim, look around you at the walls, the seats, the carpet, the lights, the speakers, the drapes -- see the colors, feel the comfort, hear the sounds of the people sitting nearby. Look at their faces, sense the excitement. The “great idea” has actually happened.

And as the lights are beginning to dim and the show is about to begin, if you were one of those visionaries who, so many years ago, said “yes” to the idea and even dug deep into your pocketbook and said “count me in”—then, with a great deal of pride and with a certain sense of ownership, sit back, smile, and be ever so proud of what you are about to see. You made it happen. Congratulations!

Richard S. Kordos
Executive Director, The Center

JUDY COLLINS
Christmas Show

December 16, 1995
8:00 p.m.

Featuring the Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School Viking Choir
Judy Collins

Judy Collins has been called a National Treasure, a magical singer. Her voice has been described as “one in a million,” “liquid silver,” “the voice of the century,” and “the clearest bell.” A woman who has brought joy and beauty to millions throughout her career, Judy Collins continues to illuminate her material with the crystal soprano that only gets better with time.

Throughout her three decade career, Judy Collins has been an outspoken advocate for human rights. This past year she signed on with UNICEF and, like her notable predecessors, visits with children from war-torn and tragedy-stricken locations throughout the world to call attention to their plight. Her first UNICEF sponsored trip was to the former Yugoslavia.

During her recent 80 city concert tour, Collins introduced her audiences to her latest composition, “I Dream of Peace - Song for Sarajevo.” The proceeds from the song and companion music video are being donated to UNICEF. She wrote the song in response to I Dream of Peace, the new Harper Collins published book of writings and drawings by children in war-ravaged Sarajevo. “Song for Sarajevo” is on Collins’ latest album COME REJOICE! A JUDY COLLINS CHRISTMAS, on Mesa Bluemoon Records (distributed by Atlantic Records).

In addition to her musical gifts, Judy Collins can be seen in her first feature role, in the Universal Pictures’ “Junior,” the Ivan Reitman directed film starring Arnold Scharzenegger, Danny DeVito, and Emma Thompson. She plays the owner of a California spa for expectant mothers that a pregnant Schwarzenegger visits. Judy is also featured in a recurring role on the CBS-TV replacement series IN MY LIFE, starring Arnold Scharzenegger, Danny DeVito, and Emma Thompson. She plays the owner of a California spa for expectant mothers that a pregnant Schwarzenegger visits. Judy is also featured in a recurring role on the CBS-TV replacement series IN MY LIFE, starring Arnold Scharzenegger, Danny DeVito, and Emma Thompson. She plays the owner of a California spa for expectant mothers that a pregnant Schwarzenegger visits.

In her memorable interpretations of songs performed by the Beatles, Stephen Sondheim, Randy Newman, Leonard Cohen and Joni Mitchell, plus music from Broadway or the songs of Jasques Brel, they have sold millions of copies and been certified gold and platinum. Among her 24 albums, whether they included folk, rock, Tin Pan Alley, spirituals, or operas, they have sold millions of copies and been certified gold and platinum.

In Fires of Eden, Judy’s 1990 album, Judy continues her own songwriting. The album includes “The Blizzard,” praised by critics as one of the finest of her songwriting career. “My Father,” “Houses,” “Since You’ve Asked,” as well as her recent collaborations of “Fires of Eden,” “Home Before Dark,” “Queen of the Night,” and “Fortune of Soldiers,” written with David Buskin and Robin Batteau.

A PBS Television special “The Comparable Judy Collins” is currently being aired nationwide. The home video version is also being marketed on television under the title “The Best of Judy Collins.” Her latest Geffen recording is entitled Judy Sings Dylan. Collins has always engaged in other artistic pursuits as well. She produced and co-directed (with Jill Godmílow) the documentary Antonia: A Portrait of The Woman about Dr. Brico. Named one of the top 10 best films for 1974 by Time Magazine, Antonia also received an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary. She has written Amazing Grace; her autobiography, Trust Your Heart; and recorded Baby’s Bedtime Book and Baby’s Morning Book, lullabies for children. In addition, she’s working on a collection of her own songs and personal reflections and has just completed her first novel for Simon and Schuster, entitled Shameless due for release in 1995.

Well known on the political front, Judy had been a voice for civil rights throughout her life, for her participation in 1964 in the Freedom Marches in Mississippi to her activism during the years of Vietnam involvement.

Prior to the 1992 presidential election, President Clinton revealed that he and his wife Hillary had named their daughter Chelsea after Judy’s renditions of “Chelsea Morning” and that his favorite album is her Colors of the Day.
The Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School
Viking Choir 1995-1996

Michael E. Rugen, Choral Director
Susan Pawlak, Choral Assistant

Soprano
Tammy Bartelsen
Sarah Blustein
Beth Denton
Sara Doll
Beth Frew
Alane Geary
Karen Goodman
Christine Havey
Melissa Helfd
Emily Hoover
Brooke King
Julia Krol
Jennifer Lagger
Brook La Rocca
Erica Lazzo
Katie Lowry
M.J. Matasar
Nacera Mekki
Leslie O'Donnell
Emily Rutkowski
Nicole Skalski
Sita Sonty
Monica Szatkowski
Beth Tydd
Sarah Wetmore
Sarah Witt
Laura Wold

Tenor
Nathan Billings
David Himmel
John Karantonis
David Kim
David Korn
Kevin Liao
Dipal Shah
Monica Umbaugh
Dwelvan Walser
Jeffrey Weingartner

Colleen Long
Kristin Motluc
Liz Purkhiser
Rebecca Ruff
Katie Schmalz
Jennifer Schulp
Jennifer Swan
Melissa Timnell
Stephanie Trocha
Allison Weiss
Dana Werth

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Carla Baker
Chanel Baker
Kate Boersma
Karees Brown
Alanna Del Gatto
Carrie Debrowits
Christa Essig
Sabra Gerlich
Emily Gilbert
Magen Hanrahan
Denise Hanson
Carrie Holtz
Mona Kayhan
Laura Kinney

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Brian Beck
Mark Chu
Jim Hatch
Andrew Hotz
Scott Latman
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Dan Rabinowitz
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