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Especially for Kids Series
FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 8PM
PERFORMANCE $39
Opening Night Party and Performance $100

Join us for champagne and hors d'oeuvres before the show as The Center kicks off the season with an opening party for the national Broadway presentation of Hello, Dolly!, winner of a record 10 Tony Awards. Based on the play The Matchmaker, this musical delight centers on the meddlesome ventures of cupid-playing widow Dolly Levi. The classic score includes "Before the Parade Passes By," "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" and the title hit "Hello, Dolly!" Be a part of The Center's exciting opening night party and performance!

"Like the Statue of Liberty, Hello, Dolly! is a national trust."
- San Francisco Examiner

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T.S. Monk
SABURDAY, OCT. 2, 8PM
TICKETS $28

Recipient of the New York Jazz Awards First Annual "Recording of the Year" for Monk on Monk - his birthday tribute to his celebrated father, the late Thelonius Monk - drummer, bandleader, composer and vocalist T.S. Monk musically established himself as the true heir to his father's legacy. Keeping it in the family, T.S. Monk spent his formative musical years drumming for his father's trio before moving on to explore R&B and eventually forming his own jazz sextet. Known for delivering sizzling sets, T.S. Monk's artistry must be experienced!

"Uncomplicated, unfathomable and unforgettable."
- The Hollywood Reporter

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Dawn Upshaw
SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, 3PM
TICKETS $35

See the local star whose vocal talent not only made her a regular at the Metropolitan Opera but an international sensation. Raised in Park Forest, Dawn Upshaw has achieved widespread acclaim for her work in 20th century opera. Her repertoire also includes the popular songs of Bernstein, Gershwin and Sondheim. Accompanied by a pianist, Upshaw makes her recital debut at The Center following an appearance this summer at the Ravinia Festival.

"Upshaw conveys what the best singers have always strived for: the sense that song springs directly from mysterious promptings within her."
- Time Magazine
The Last Swing of the Century
FRIDAY, OCT. 22
2PM TICKETS $22
8PM TICKETS $28
Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians with Al Pierson, clarinet virtuoso Ken Peplowski with The Music of Benny Goodman, and The Ink Spots

Whether you recently discovered swing or grew up with it, The Last Swing of the Century is guaranteed to put the spring back in your step. With more than 500 hits to their credit, Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians dominated and defined the Big Band era with favorites including "Sweethearts on Parade." Benny Goodman protégé Ken Peplowski revitalizes hits including "Sing, Sing, Sing." American music legends The Ink Spots round out the evening with a selection of their 80 chart-topping hits including "Don't Get Around Much Anymore." A good time is guaranteed for swing lovers of all ages!

"The sheer pleasure of [The Ink Spots'] harmonies brings a smile to the face."
- The Times

Jim Brickman
SATURDAY, NOV. 13, 8PM
TICKETS $29
Enjoy love songs with pianist Jim Brickman as he returns to Chicago to perform new work from his latest CD Destiny, featuring collaborations with Carly Simon, Herb Alpert and Pam Tillis. With three gold records under his belt, Jim Brickman plays romantic selections including his hits "Valentine" and "The Gift" that have catapulted him to the top of the pop, country, adult contemporary and smooth jazz charts. In 1994, he had the first solo instrumental recording to ever hit Billboard's Top 40 Pop Chart. A melodic treat for music lovers of all genres!

"Genius for melody and song structure."
- Dallas Morning News

"Intimate, polished and professional."
- Chicago Sun-Times

The Nutcracker
SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1 & 5PM
ADULTS $23
CHILDREN 16 AND UNDER $18
A Center holiday tradition! Chicago's own Salt Creek Ballet, featuring principal dancers from New York's American Ballet Theatre, presents new choreography, enhanced costumes and an elaborate set with a growing 30-foot tree dusted by pristine falling snow. A must-see for your family this holiday season.

"The Capitol Steps make it easier to leave public office."
- Former President George Bush

Capitol Steps
FRIDAY, JAN. 21, 8PM
TICKETS $32
Performing more than 300 times annually and never presenting the same show twice, this comedy troupe of former congressional aides offers non-stop laughs with songs titled "Fools on the Hill," "Fifty Ways to Peeve Your Leader" and "Fatal Inaction." Their hysterical musical commentary on government, politics and current events has received critical acclaim from the very same people they mock.

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Lula Washington Dance Theatre
FRIDAY, JAN. 28, 8PM
TICKETS $28
Internationally acclaimed choreographer Lula Washington brings her fiery, socially conscious dance to The Center. Combining African, modern, ballet and jazz influences with performance art, Washington explores African-American history, social and women's issues and inner-city culture. Her brilliant depiction of the African-American experience has been called "fresh and streetwise."

"Ms. Washington is a gifted original..."
- The New York Times

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Preservation Hall Jazz Band
FRIDAY, FEB. 4, 8PM
TICKETS $28
Celebrate Mardi Gras New Orleans style with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. Led by legendary bandleader and trumpeter Wendell Brunious, the group also features original member Narvin Kimball, a 90-year-old banjo player. With such talented and seasoned musicians, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band is the real deal when it comes to nitty-gritty, brassy classics including "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "I Ain't Got Nobody."

Yesterday –
A Tribute to the Beatles
SATURDAY, FEB. 12, 8PM
TICKETS $24
This Valentine's Day "All You Need Is Love!" Come together and relive the music of the Beatles, a band that has continued to impact all generations for more than 30 years. Yesterday, the most exciting Fab Four tribute band to date, puts the hype back in Beatlemania with its amazing renditions of favorites such as "Twist and Shout," "Strawberry Fields" and "A Day in the Life." Yesterday imitates the Beatles' sound and appearance through the decades right down to authentic instruments, shaggy mop tops and Sergeant Pepper mustaches.

The Irish Rovers
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 8PM
TICKETS $32
Back by popular demand! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the international ambassadors of Irish music who have been performing for more than three decades. The Irish Rovers have gone beyond traditional Celtic music, collaborating with various folk and pop artists, amassing over 30 gold records. Whether it's a raucous pub song, tender ballad, upbeat jig or reel, the Irish Rovers always involve the house in their merrymaking. A sure sell-out!

Pump Boys and Dinettes
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 8PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 3PM
TICKETS $28
$19
Rev up the '57 Chevy for a road trip down South where a relentlessly cheerful gang of gas station attendants and perky waitresses celebrate life through song and dance. A five-time Tony Award nominee, Pump Boys and Dinettes is a rollicking fusion of rock 'n' roll, blues and country where rolling pins, wooden spoons and other kitchen items become instruments.

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"Hot stuff ... a rich, rowdy evening of country humor and rockabilly music by six ever-so-talented performers."
- Los Angeles Times

WIN A TRIP TO LONDON — HOME OF ABBEY ROAD!
Purchase your tickets by Jan. 31 to see "Yesterday – A Tribute to the Beatles" and you're eligible to win airfare for two to London courtesy of American Airlines.*

The drawing will be held Feb. 12 during intermission and the winner will be announced from the stage. Winners must be at least 21 years of age. These tickets are nontransferable and cannot be redeemed for cash. No other premiums or discounts apply. Tickets must be used within one year of drawing. Tickets will only be sent to the winner as their name appears on their 1998-2000 subscription. This contest does not include ground transportation or accommodations.

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The Spencers: Theatre of Illusion
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 3PM
ADULTS $20
CHILDREN 16 AND UNDER $12

Enter the enchanting world of The Spencers, the husband-and-wife magician team that has mastered the art of illusion, winning the Performing Arts Entertainer of the Year three years in a row. Combining drama, comedy and suspense, The Spencers are true professionals when it comes to magic and dazzling special effects. Come for an afternoon of magical fun for the entire family.

"The Spencers are the best magic show on the market." - Emporia State

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 8PM
TICKETS $36
6:30PM PRE-SHOW DISCUSSION - FREE

"A voice of liquid silver."
- The New York Times

Chicago's world-renowned Joffrey Ballet is the company to watch for graceful, beautiful and impeccable performances. Setting a new standard in ballet, this year's program explores themes of the 20th century through a feast of dance, theater and art focused on the upcoming millennium. Come early for a free pre-show discussion with the company's dancers. A guaranteed sell-out!

"Breathtaking!"
- Chicago Tribune

Judy Collins
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 8PM
TICKETS $39

Judy Collins returns to The Center for the fifth anniversary celebration. Etching her own place in American culture as a singer, songwriter and activist, Collins has an impressive career spanning 35 years. In that time, she has recorded over 29 hit albums, garnered five Grammy Award nominations and achieved international acclaim with hits including "Chelsea Morning" and "Send in the Clowns."

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