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**CARPENTER CENTER 2013-14 SEASON FEATURES 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR
PERFORMANCE BY RIRIE-WOODBURY DANCE COMPANY, GARRISON KEILLOR AS
HE CELEBRATES 70 WITH NEW RETROSPECTIVE, AND THE NEW *WOW! SERIES***

Priority Subscriptions to Cabaret Series, Dance Series, Sunday Afternoon Concert Series, Wit & Wisdom Series, and the Newly Added WOW! Series On Sale Now

WOW! Series: Jabbawockeez • The Peking Acrobats • Siro-A

Wit & Wisdom Series: Garrison Keillor • Aquila Theatre Company • John Lithgow

Dance Series: Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company • Victor Ullate Ballet • Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Cabaret Series: David Burnham • Rachel York • Tom Rigney & Flambeau • Livingston Taylor

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: Hal Linden • Igudesman & Joo • *Oh, What a Night!* • Robin & Linda Williams

Music & Stage Events: Kris Kristofferson • Frederica von Stade and SONOS Handbell Ensemble • A Charlie Brown Christmas with David Benoit • Capitol Steps • The Irish Rovers • Stunt Dog Experience • Glenn Miller Orchestra

LONG BEACH, CA – The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the campus of Cal State Long Beach announces its 2013-14 season featuring a wide range of performers in comedy, dance, music, and special events for the whole family. Marking its 19th season, the theatre also offers five subscription series that includes the premiere of the WOW! Series.

“As our programming continues to attract new audiences in Southern California, I am proud to announce a season that features an eclectic array of artists that offers something familiar and new to our patrons,” said Executive Director Michele Roberge. “Long Beach is a richly diverse city with a vibrant arts community, and we strive to reflect that diversity in our program. Our new WOW! Series will include performances of amazing display beginning with the popular dance troupe, Jabbawockeez—who recently announced a residency at the Luxor in Las Vegas starting this spring. The Carpenter Center is honored to offer guests from all over Southern California a memorable arts experience.”

WOW! Series

The WOW! Series brings events and performers displaying incredible physical feats, sensory stimulation, and eye-popping wonders that will bring thrilling entertainment to the theatre. Kicking off the series are the **Jabbawockeez**—the original champions of MTV's *Randy Jackson Presents America's Best Dance Crew*—on Nov. 24 as the dancers perform a visually engaging and humorous show for all ages. Rooted in more than 2,000 years of history and tradition, **The Peking Acrobats** from China bring their legacy of superb talent and athletic acts in a two-show engagement. Lastly, the Japanese tech ensemble **Siro-A** will perform ***The Digital Experiment*** where they fuse optical illusions and digital projections all set to a pulsating electro beat.

Jabbawockeez
Sun., Nov. 24, 2013

The Peking Acrobats
Sat., Jan 11, 2014 at 2 & 8pm

Siro-A: *The Digital Experiment*
Sun., Mar. 16, 2014 at 5pm

Wit & Wisdom Series

The popular Wit and Wisdom Series delivers comical insights and wildly witty observations about the human condition beginning with ***An Evening with Garrison Keillor*** on Oct. 18. Long time host of the popular NPR series *A Prairie Home Companion*, Keillor presents a new rousing show where he reflects on his past and relives his 70 years of cherished moments. Next in the series is a whirlwind of passion, surprises, tricks, and disguises with the return of **Aquila Theatre Company** to Carpenter Center in William Shakespeare's ***Twelfth Night***. The series ends on May 10, 2014 with the funny and poignant **John Lithgow** in ***Stories by Heart*** as the award-winning actor performs his personal, humorous, and acclaimed one-man theatrical memoir.

An Evening with Garrison Keillor
Thur., Oct. 17, 2013 at 8pm

Aquila Theatre in William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*
Sat., Mar. 15, 2014 at 8pm

John Lithgow in *Stories by Heart*
Sat., May 10, 2014 at 8pm

Dance Series

Continuing its strong commitment to being a leading presenter of dance in Southern California, Carpenter Center's popular Dance Series features a range of established companies and sought after international performers. Celebrating its 50th anniversary tour, the series kicks off with Utah-based **Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company** on Oct. 12 as they perform an evening of innovative contemporary pieces under Artistic Director Charlotte Boye-Christensen. The next offering comes from Madrid as **Victor Ullate Ballet** presents original, breathtaking works that combine classical and neoclassical ballet with elements of flamenco set to traditional, contemporary, and classical music. Lastly, **Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo** ends the series with a two-night engagement as the all-male ballet company returns to Carpenter Center to present their unique brand of grand comedy and amazing ballet technique.

Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company

Sat., Oct. 12, 2013 at 8pm

Victor Ullate Ballet

Sat., Feb. 8, 2014 at 8pm

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Sat., Mar. 22, 2014 at 8pm

Sun., Mar. 23, 2014 at 2pm

Cabaret Series

The 2013-14 season celebrates the 15th anniversary of the Cabaret Series. The four-event series offers patrons an intimate experience that includes table seating on stage less than 40 feet from the artists, with the option to enjoy dinner or bar service before the show. The series begins on Oct. 2 with Broadway star **David Burnham** (*Wicked*, *The Light in the Piazza*) as he performs classic hits and delights his audience with tales of the Great White Way in **Mostly Broadway**. Next, known for her roles in the Broadway hits *City of Angels* and *Victor/Victoria*, and headlining the national tour of *Anything Goes*—**Rachel York** returns to Carpenter Center with her divine voice to perform the tunes of **Let's Fall in Love**. Blending Cajun, blues and Rock and Roll, **Tom Rigney and Flambeau** spices up the series as the electrifying violinist/composer joins forces with some of the finest musicians on the San Francisco roots music scene. The series culminates with the warm demeanor and well-crafted songs of singer/songwriter **Livingston Taylor** as he performs his heartfelt songs—including the Top 40 hits "I Can Dream of You" and "I Will Be in Love."

David Burnham, *Mostly Broadway*

Wed./Thu., Oct. 2-3, 2013

Rachel York, *Let's Fall in Love*

Wed./Thu., Dec. 18-19, 2013

Tom Rigney & Flambeau

Wed./Thu., Mar. 19-20, 2014

Livingston Taylor

Wed./Thu., May 14-15, 2014

Note: All Cabaret performances start at 7pm. Optional dinner service 6-6:50pm.

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

This season's Sunday Afternoon Concert Series opens with **An Afternoon with Hal Linden** as the Tony award winner and his top-notch band travels the American musical landscape on Oct. 20. Back by popular demand, **Igudesman & Joo** return to the Carpenter Center stage in **And Now Mozart** as the hilarious duo perform their latest show that features musical skits—and absolutely no Mozart! The series continues with **Oh, What a Night! A Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons** in an exhilarating musical revue featuring the memorable hits such as “Big Girls Don’t Cry” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You.” Lastly, the distinctive folk, bluegrass, and country sound from **Robin & Linda Williams**—favorites from NPR’s *A Prairie Home Companion*—conclude the series as the duo perform all their greatest hits.

An Afternoon with Hal Linden
Sun., Oct. 20, 2013 at 2pm

Igudesman & Joo: *And Now Mozart*
Sun., Dec. 8, 2013 at 2pm

Oh, What a Night! A Musical Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons
Sun., Jan 19, 2014 at 2pm

Robin & Linda Williams
Sun., May 4, 2014 at 2pm

Music & Stage Events

Carpenter Center presents an eclectic and entertaining mix of performances that are not part of a subscription series. The first event comes on Nov. 23 with Country Music Hall of Fame member **Kris Kristofferson** performs all the hits of his songbook spanning more than four decades. Next, the legendary mezzo-soprano **Frederica von Stade** and **SONOS Handbell Ensemble** team up for an enchanting holiday concert on Dec. 7. Holiday cheer continues as **A Charlie Brown Christmas with David Benoit**, the renowned jazz pianist, takes the stage for a family-friendly concert featuring a special appearance by The All American Boys Chorus. **Capitol Steps** returns after four sold-out appearances to kick off 2014. Set to retire in 2015, **The Irish Rovers** make a stop in Long Beach as part of their **Long Farewell Tour**. These ambassadors of Irish music for nearly 50 years will perform an evening of their rollicking drinking songs and original ballads. Carpenter Center is in the dog house on Jan. 26 with the **Stunt Dog Experience** as canine daredevils show off their amazing tricks for a day of family fun. Finally, Carpenter Center welcomes the return of the **Glenn Miller Orchestra**—one of the most popular and respected Big Bands in the world—for an elegant evening of swing.

Kris Kristofferson
Sat., Nov. 23, 2013 at 8pm

Frederica von Stade and SONOS Handbell Ensemble
Sat., Dec. 7, 2013 at 8pm

A Charlie Brown Christmas with David Benoit
Sat., Dec. 21, 2013 at 8pm

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Music & Stage Events (cont.)

Capitol Steps

Sat., Jan. 18, 2014 at 8pm

The Irish Rovers

Long Farewell Tour

Sat., Jan. 25, 2014 at 8pm

Stunt Dog Experience

Sun., Jan. 26, 2014 at 1 & 4pm

Glenn Miller Orchestra

Sat., Mar. 8, 2014 at 8pm

Patrons who subscribe to one of the five subscription series get the best seats in the house as well as numerous benefits, from significant discounts on single tickets to free parking for all subscribed events. A 2013-14 advance priority subscription order form is available online at www.CarpenterArts.org. The WOW! Series three-event subscription is \$99, the Wit and Wisdom Series three-event subscription is \$125, the Dance Series three-event subscription is \$99, the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series four-event subscription is \$99, and the Cabaret Series four-event subscription with dinner is \$283 for Section A seating—with discounts for seniors, performance only, and Section B seating. Advance single tickets will be available online starting May 20 at a discount of \$5 off each ticket through July 22, Cabaret events not included. All programs, performers, prices, dates, and times are subject to change. Presentations are made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM and Season Hospitality Sponsor Hotel Current.

For additional information, contact the Arts Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000 or visit the Box Office at 6200 Atherton St., Long Beach, 90815 (*on the campus of Cal State Long Beach*). Box Office hours are Monday-Friday from 11am-6pm and select Saturdays from noon-4pm.

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