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**PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS PARTNER WITH  
CONAGRA FOODS TO SUPPORT THE FOOD BANK OF OMAHA**

*ConAgra Foods Arts for the Holidays Celebration Continues in 2009*

**Omaha, Neb.** – October 26, 2009 – Omaha Performing Arts, the Omaha Symphony and Opera Omaha are proud to partner with ConAgra Foods again this holiday season for *ConAgra Foods Arts for the Holidays Celebration*. This collaborative event, which begins on November 1, is sponsored by ConAgra Foods and features a food drive at the Holland Performing Arts Center and Orpheum Theater. Patrons are encouraged to bring canned food and other non-perishable items to both venues when attending any performance through January 1, 2010. All donations collected will support The Food Bank of Omaha.

“Hunger is an issue that affects millions of Americans across the country, including more than 300,000 people in the Heartland who benefit from The Food Bank and the more than 50,000 people in Douglas County who live below the poverty line,” said Kori Reed, executive director, ConAgra Foods Foundation. “As part of our Shine the Light on Hunger campaign, during Omaha’s Holiday Lights Festival, we are proud to collaborate with our community arts organizations to raise more food and funds for The Food Bank, ultimately making a difference in the fight against hunger.”

In addition to the collection of canned food and other non-perishable items, informational exhibits promoting awareness about child hunger and nutrition will also be displayed at both the Holland Performing Arts Center and Orpheum Theater.

The following performances are part of the *ConAgra Foods Arts for the Holidays Celebration*:

Omaha Symphony & Opera Omaha  
**Choral Collaborative**  
November 15, 2009 at the Holland Center

Omaha Symphony  
**Patriotic Celebration**  
November 20-22, 2009 at the Holland Center

Omaha Performing Arts  
**Jane Monheit**  
December 4, 2009 at the Holland Center

Omaha Performing Arts  
**1200 Club at the Holland – Gary Mauer and Elizabeth Southard**  
December 11, 2009 at the Holland Center

Omaha Symphony  
**Christmas with the Symphony**  
December 18-20, 2009 at the Holland Center

Donations will be accepted at all Omaha Performing Arts, Omaha Symphony and Opera Omaha performances taking place during the months of November and December, For a complete listing of performances, visit [TicketOmaha.com](http://TicketOmaha.com).

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### **Omaha Performing Arts**

Omaha Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing world-class performances to the Omaha metropolitan area. Omaha Performing Arts' commitment to the arts extends into its own series, Omaha Performing Arts *Presents*, and includes a partnership with Broadway Across America to bring the finest in touring Broadway productions to Omaha, as well as education and community involvement programs that help ensure the arts have a far-reaching impact.

The organization manages two landmark venues, the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater. Omaha Performing Arts also provides comprehensive ticketing services for cultural and performing arts within the region through Ticket Omaha.

Omaha Performing Arts performances are supported in part by the Nebraska Arts Council, Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Omaha and the Douglas County Visitor Improvement Fund.

### **Omaha Symphony**

The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that aims to enrich people's lives through the exhilarating experience of live orchestral music. The orchestra presents more than 200 live performances from September through June. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, Chamber, Sights and Sounds, and Family series concerts, the Omaha Symphony's nationally recognized education programs touch the lives of more than 37,000 schoolchildren in Nebraska and Iowa each year.

### **Opera Omaha**

Opera Omaha, the only professional opera company in Nebraska, began in 1958 as the Omaha Civic Opera Society, a volunteer association, and with tremendous community support became fully professional by 1970. Opera Omaha produces a season of original main stage productions, presented at the historic Orpheum Theater, and smaller productions and musical events throughout the community. Opera Omaha is internationally known for its productions of eight world premieres and four American premieres of classical masterpieces, and is highly regarded regionally for an extensive education and outreach program that annually reaches as many as 15,000 people from elementary school through adulthood.

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