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High Point Theatre Announces Sensational New Season of Top-Flight Entertainment

From classic chart-toppers to dazzling magicians, the 2009 –2010 Signature Entertainment Series sets the stage for evenings of pure joy.

High Point, North Carolina, September 1, 2009 – Set to kick off with back-to-back performances on the weekend after Halloween, the High Point Theatre’s 2009 – 2010 signature entertainment series brings a full spectrum of spectacular performers to the Triad. “Over the years, we’ve built a tradition of presenting important new acts, as well as stars whose enduring appeal reaches across generations,” says Louisa Hart, Executive Director of the High Point Theatre. “This year, our musical range extends from bluegrass, through the blues and two timeless rock & roll groups to the band that absolutely defines smooth jazz. We’ve also added one of the world’s best touring magic shows and for the Holidays, we may be creating a new tradition, as we reprise our well-loved Christmas play from last season.”

On **Friday, November 6**, a cool change starts the new season as the Little River Band cranks out songs from their copious catalog of smooth, bluesy Classic Rock-era hits. Having honed such long-time favorites as “Lady,” “Cool Change” and “Take It Easy On Me” through 30 years of touring, these fine musicians are sure to conjure up fond memories with their sweet, mellow tunes and lyrical meditations.

The following night, **Saturday, November 7**, The Spencers: Theater of Illusion arrives to dazzle the audience with an awe-inspiring, fast-paced and sophisticated display of prestidigitation, mind reading and stage magic. Delivering a larger-than-life sense of wonder, this is one act you’ll definitely want to catch before it disappears.

For many families, it’s just not the Holiday season until Frank Capra’s classic film, “It’s a Wonderful Life,” has warmed up their TV screens. Engaging the audience’s imagination by presenting this well-loved Christmas tale as a live radio play, circa 1946, this heartwarming production is forging a new tradition with live theater fans across America. After making its

High Point Theatre debut last year, the show has added additional scenes and changed its name to “It’s a Wonderful Life: Live From WVL Radio Theatre.” Back by popular demand, on **Tuesday, December 22**, the show affords Triad folks an opportunity to celebrate the timeless values and enduring ties that are such an important part of Christmastide.

Together, fiddle virtuosos Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy produce a whirlwind of music, dance and song that’s sure to take your breath away. Exploring and expanding the time-honored musical traditions of their native Cape Breton, this Canadian couple ingeniously blends new sounds and concepts with the driving rhythms and soaring tonalities of classic Celtic music. Come feel the heat as their brilliant interpretations shimmer with intensity on **Friday, January 29, 2010**.

The blues rules on **Saturday, February 27, 2010** as Ruthie Foster and her band create a full-on blast of raw musical emotion and soulful singing. Cool and collected, Eric Bibb is one of the blues' great storytellers and troubadours. Critically acclaimed masters of their craft, each of them has earned accolades from blues aficionados around the world. An exceptional, not-to-be missed double bill!

Spring ushers in the bright and breezy new bluegrass sound of Grammy nominated Cherryholmes. A family band, with country roots music deep in their blood, Cherryholmes performs regularly at Nashville's Grand Old Opry. A big hit with those who know bluegrass best, the group soared to the top of Billboard charts with the release of their second album, "Cherryholmes II." Bid winter a final farewell with this foot-tappin', hand-clappin' high-energy ensemble on **Saturday, March 20, 2010**.

With Memorial Day weekend just one month away, our thoughts naturally turn to memories of magic moments by the seaside. And there's no better soundtrack for those reminiscences than classic beach tunes and golden oldies performed by the legendary doo-wop band, The Drifters. Headed up by the Duke of Earl himself – Gene Chandler – these long-time Grand Strand favorites will leave you feeling some kind of wonderful on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**.

The High Point Theatre's 2009 – 2010 signature entertainment series ends on a high note with elegant song stylings and artful improvisations from the contemporary jazz band Pieces of a Dream. Over a 30-year career that includes serving as the backup band for sax master Grover Washington, Jr., plus two top-5 hits on R&R's NAC chart, this talented trio has defined the very essence of smooth jazz. Once hailed by no lesser giant than Count Basie as "a tough act to follow," it's fitting that on **Saturday, May 22, 2010** Pieces of a Dream should put the coda on a season of exceptional entertainment.

"Beautifully designed and featuring intimate, continental-style seating, the High Point Theatre is a wonderful place to experience live music and theatrical performances," concludes Hart. "And with this scintillating selection of artists, every performance is sure to be simply sensational." Tickets may be purchased through the High Point Theatre website – www.highpointtheatre.org or by calling the Box Office at 336-883-3907.

About High Point Theatre

Owned and operated by the City of High Point, the High Point Theatre is conveniently located within the International Home Furnishings Center at the corner of Commerce and Hamilton Streets in High Point. The Theatre features an elegant 965-seat auditorium with continental style seating and three exhibition galleries for meetings, display, or receptions.

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