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Hale Centre Theater to present regional premiere and audience favorites in 2011

"A Tale of Two Cities," "Joseph" and "My Fair Lady" to Complement Comedy Classics "Born Yesterday" and Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"

Hale Centre Theatre (HCT), Utah's premiere family theatre, today announced its schedule for the 2011 season. The lineup features the regional premiere of recent Broadway hit, "A Tale of Two Cities" with audience favorite "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat," along with Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's classic "My Fair Lady. The season will open on New Year's Eve 2010 with the comedy "Born Yesterday" and conclude with HCT's 27th annual production of "A Christmas Carol" in Dec. 2011.

HCT's schedule includes the following array of musicals and comedies:

"Born Yesterday" Dec. 31, 2010 - Feb. 5, 2011
 Launching the 2011 season is Garson Kanin's comedy classic of romance, payola, trickery and hilarity run amok. The Tony Award-winning Broadway hit follows how a wealthy junk

dealer works to weasel his way into a little congressional pay-back.

"A Tale of Two Cities" Feb. 16 - April 9, 2011 Regional Premiere

The sweeping retelling of Charles Dickens' masterpiece is set during the French Revolutionary War and features a French aristocrat attempting to escape a scandalous heritage. He flees to England and falls in love, but his past torments his future. The production's music, book and lyrics are by Jill Santoriello.

"The Hasty Heart" April 16 - May 28, 2011

Hale Centre Theatre brings John Patrick's world-class story to Salt Lake City. "The Hasty Heart" is set in a World War II hospital with the entire cast trying to cajole a cantankerous Scotsman.

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" June 7 - July 23, 2011

Winner of 11 Tony Awards and 10 Drama Desk Awards, "Dirty

Rotten Scoundrels" is a fresh, new musical by Jeffrey Lane and David Yazbek. The production is adapted from the popular 1988 movie.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Aug. 2 - Sept. 24, 2011

HCT brings back the popular musical, which it last performed in 2002. "Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat," which has received seven Tony Award nominations, follows Joseph's rise from slavery to fame and fortune in Egypt, while touchingly featuring brotherhood, love and devotion. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber bring the biblical tale to life with charm and brilliant coloring.

"My Fair Lady" Oct. 4 - Nov. 26, 2011

This winner of 6 Tony Awards written by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe is considered one of the greatest works of American musical theatre. Eliza Doolittle, an ignorant, common flower girl blos-

soms into a glorious rose under the tutelage of one Professor Higgins. The time-honored score includes "On the Street Where You Live," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "Get Me to the Church on Time," "I've Grown Accustomed to Your Face" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?"

"A Christmas Carol" Dec. 3 - Dec. 23, 2011

HCT's nationally acclaimed Christmas tradition, adapted by Richard Wilkins and Barlow Bradford, is now in its 27th year. Marley's Ghost reminds the stingy mercenary, Ebenezer Scrooge, that "mankind should be his business." Dickens' carol of redemption seeks to reclaim Scrooge's heart.

Season tickets will go on sale to current season ticket holders around June 1 and to the general public Aug. 1. For ticket information, call (801) 984-9000, visit HCT's website, www.halecentrtheatre.org, or visit the box office at 3333 S. Decker Lake Drive in West Valley City.

Utah Symphony - Utah Offers two Performances to Meet Special Needs

Two performances will be offered to meet the needs of the visually-impaired community and children with autism

Utah Symphony - Utah Opera (USUO) will hold two events during the month of May to meet two different special needs. Members of the blind and visually-impaired community are invited to attend a dress rehearsal of Utah Opera's production of Suor Angelica and Gianni Schicchi on May 12, 2010 starting at 6:00 pm at Capitol Theatre. On Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm, Utah

Symphony | Utah Opera will present a concert for children with autism and their families at Capitol Theatre.

The free performance for the visually-impaired audience on May 12, 2010 will begin with Artistic Director Christopher McBeth and Education Director Paula Fowler giving a presentation about the production, costumes and set while prepared fabric samples of costumes (with Braille labels) are passed around. Braille translations and large print plot synopses will be avail-

able, as well as headsets with a play-by-play description of the stage action.

Registration is required for this event; please call 801-585-2213 or 801-532-5443 by May 10 to register.

On May 20, 2010, children with autism and their families are invited to a performance at Capitol Theatre featuring the Utah Symphony and the Utah Opera Ensemble Resident Artists. Associate Conductor David Cho will lead the orchestra in the 45-minute program featuring pieces

by Mozart, Rossini, Humperdinck and Offenbach (full program details below).

"It's often difficult for families with autistic children to attend cultural events where the audience is asked to remain quiet and still. This concert provides an environment where parents can bring their children without worrying about behavior that would be considered disruptive in other concerts," said Paula Fowler, Director of Education for USUO. The concert was created for children with autism and their families, but all families with special needs children are welcome.

Registration is required for this free event. Please register on-line at www.usuoeducation.org by May 19.

For more information on either performance, please call 801-869-9090 or 801-869-9091.h

The George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park Launches 2010 Season

The dinosaurs will come alive again this summer at the George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park with festivities launching in May. The 2010 season will kick off with the second annual Autism Awareness Car and Bike Show on Saturday May 8 and weekly photo contest to show off young paleontologists. The Park's extended hours also begin May 31.

We are creating the ultimate place for kids and families this spring and summer. One of our first events is a popular car and motorcycle show to raise awareness and funds for Northern Utah's autism programs. Special events and promotions will continue throughout the summer such as our Mad Science Summer Camp program," said Kevin Ireland, manager at the George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park.

The Dinosaur Park will host the Northern Utah Autism Program's second annual Autism Awareness Car and Bike Show on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost per vehicle is \$10 for a pre-registered entry and \$13 on the day of the show. More than 20 awards will be given including Best of Show for each brand, Best Daily Driver, Best Under Construction, and Best Custom Truck and Muscle Car. Proceeds raised will be donated to Northern Utah's autism programs and research.

The Park is presenting the "Dino Pic of the Week," photo contest. The contest will begin on May 1, 2010. Guests can enter pictures of them and their loved ones taken at the George S. Eccles Dino Park. Each week the selection committee will choose a

winning photo. The most creative, funny and adorable pictures will be awarded. Winners will receive a free family pass to the park. Photos can be submitted on the Dinosaur Park's facebook page. (Participants must become a fan of, or "like", the page.)

Beginning Memorial Day, May 31, 2010, the Dino Park will extend its hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday-Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Visitors can become a paleontologist for a day in the eight-acre park with hands-on activities such as the Stegosaurus Skeleton dig in the kid's quarry, the real modern working dinosaur laboratory in the Elizabeth Dee Shaw Museum or daily the Dino Adventures free movie at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Regular admission is \$5 for children, \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors.

The Eccles Dinosaur Park hosts a number of festive activities throughout the year. The park features more than 100 realistic, life-sized dinosaurs based on actual fossil skeletons. The dinosaurs are brought to life by robotics, artistic details and state-of-the-art sound systems. The park offers Dinosaur Park memberships and facilities for special events such as birthday parties. For more information visit www.dinosaurpark.org or call (801) 393-DINO.

The park is located at 1544 East Park Boulevard. (Take I-15 exit 344, then head east five miles on 12th Street to the mouth of Ogden Canyon and follow the signs.)

Civility Tour coming to Utah

The Utah Humanities Council (UHC) is pleased to announce that Jim Leach, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), will speak on Thursday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake City Library Auditorium, 210 East 400 South. Chairman Leach will speak as part of UHC's 22nd Annual Human Ties Awards, in conjunction with his nationwide "Civility Tour." The event is free and open to the public.

A private reception with Leach will be held in the City Centre/Chamber of Commerce Building after the awards. The reception is \$35 per person. Checks may be mailed to 202 W 300 N, Salt Lake City UT 84103 or you may register online at www.utahhumanities.org.

Chairman Leach, who was sworn in as NEH chair on August 12, 2009, spent three decades as a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Iowa. He launched a 50-state tour in November 2009, "not to express judgment on any issues of the day, but simply to try to make clear that coarseness in public manners can jeopardize social cohesion."

With name-calling, grandstanding, and stifling of dissent by both civilians and members of Congress and civilians becoming commonplace, civil discourse is certainly a timely topic.

"Bridging cultural divides and developing a sense for a common humanity are moral and social imperatives," Mr. Leach said in launching the tour. "Civilization requires civility. Words matter...little is more important for the world's leading democracy in this change-intensive century than establishing an ethos of thoughtfulness and decency of expression in the public square."

"The Utah Humanities Council has spent the past 35 years promoting civic engagement—the idea that it is incumbent on each of us to read, discuss, and reflect on important issues of the day," said UHC Executive Director Cynthia Buckingham. "The humanities enhance our understanding of different traditions, values, and ideas and help us to imagine other ways of living and thinking. We are delighted to welcome Jim Leach to Utah to reinforce our message."

During his Salt Lake City visit, Leach will also deliver the commencement address at Westminster College, on Saturday, May 29, and will receive an honorary degree.

About Chairman Leach
 Representing southeastern Iowa in the U.S. House of Representatives, Leach chaired the Banking and Financial Services Committee, the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, and founded and co-chaired the Congressional Humanities Caucus.

After leaving Congress in 2007, Leach joined the faculty at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, where he was the John L. Weinberg Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs until his confirmation as NEH chairman. In September 2007, Leach took a year's leave of absence from Princeton to serve as interim director of the Institute of Politics and lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He graduated from Princeton University, received a Master of Arts degree in Soviet politics from the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University, and did additional graduate studies at the London School of Economics.

About the Human Ties Awards

UHC's annual awards began in 1998 in order to recognize individuals whose work exemplifies UHC's mission of helping Utahns explore the past, participate actively in the present, and shape the future. In most cases, nominations have come from the board of directors, alumni, and staff. UHC also receives occasional nominations from the public and has been conscious of highlighting various disciplines, institutions, and locations.

Annual awards:
 The Governor's Award in the Humanities is UHC's highest honor, presented to a distinguished scholar whose career has enhanced understanding of the humanities among the general public.

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Help mom get her finances on track

By Jason Alderman

Mother's Day provides the perfect opportunity to celebrate your love and appreciation for the moms in your life. So buy flowers and make dinner reservations, or whatever your custom is. But before too many days pass, schedule a "reality check" conversation about personal finances to make sure your mother is covering all her financial bases.

On average, women live about seven years longer than men and earn only about two-thirds as much. Plus, women often spend far fewer years in the workforce because of time taken off to raise children. So it's not surprising that many women have less income at retirement and need to make it last longer.

Here are a few topics you may want to cover:

Retirement savings come first. Although you can borrow money to pay for your children's college, a house or a car, you can't get a loan to pay for retirement. Make sure your mom has an IRA or 401(k) plan and is socking away as much as possible. The IRS even allows catch-up contributions for people over age 50. Check out the retirement planning tips at Visa Inc.'s Practical Money Skills for Life program (www.practical-moneyskills.com/retirement).

Pension annuities. By law, the default pension payout option for married couples is a qualified joint and survivor annuity, where the surviving spouse continues drawing pension benefits after the pension holder's death. Some couples (with written permission only) instead choose a single life annuity because it pays a higher monthly benefit. However, once the pension holder dies, the spouse no longer receives benefits.