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Chandler Center For The Arts Announces 2009 - 2010 Season

CHANDLER, Ariz. (August 31, 2009) As the **Chandler Center for the Arts** celebrates its 20th Anniversary Season, we are thrilled to announce this season's line up!

CCA On Tour presented **@ Higley Center for the Performing Arts (HCPA)** **4132 E Pecos Road, Gilbert, AZ 85295**

American Idol's **Bo Bice** will take the stage at HCPA on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at 8pm. Bo's show can be described as back to basics with some good old raw southern rock. Following Bo is nine-time Grammy winning **Asleep at the Wheel** on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 7:30pm. Their "review style" set featuring everything from traditional western swing, country, blues and jazz with a cool retro edge. Up next...comedienne, stage and screen performer, musician and singer, the one and only **Charo** performs brilliantly and passionately, combining new-age Flamenco Pop with some of the greatest classical masterpieces ever written. Charo brings her unique flamenco style show to HCPA on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 7:30pm. Join us for the hilarious **Todd Oliver Dogs Gone Wild Tour** on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 7pm. You'll meet 3 real live (yes, that's right!) talking dogs and their friends. You may have seen these crazy canines on the *Late Show with David Letterman* or *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Back by popular demand, we welcome back two great shows (which both sold out last time they were here!) **In The Mood – A 1940's Musical** and **Ronnie Milsap**. **In The Mood** returns on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 7:30pm. With the combination of up-tempo big band instrumentals and intimate, romantic ballads, the 40's set the mood for a future filled with promise, hope and prosperity. This evening is filled with the best music of that era. Country music icon **Ronnie Milsap** returns on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 7:30pm. Ronnie has 6 Grammys, 6 Billboard Awards, 8 CMA's, 3 ACM's, 40 #1 singles and has sold over 23,000,000 records! This is one show you don't want to miss!

@ Chandler Center for the Arts **ZOPPE, An Italian Family Circus Since 1842** **On The West Lawn**

This magnificent Old World circus show will take place under the Big Top on our West Lawn at the Chandler Center for the Arts (December 26th, 2009 - January 3rd, 2010 ~ Times Vary) and will include acrobatic feats, equestrian showmanship, canine capers, clowning and plenty of audience participation. The show on New Years Eve will be a celebration and includes party favors.

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350-Seat
Hal Bogle Theatre

Family entertainment continues with **Red Grammer**, one of the premier entertainers for children and families in the world who will perform on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 4pm; **Richard Steele – Magician** follows with two performance on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 2pm & 5pm.

For those of you who love renowned artists like Andrea Bocelli, Il Divo or Josh Groban, then you will love the Canadian “popera” sensation **Destino**. Destino brings their soul-stirring show best described as “pop with an opera flair” to Chandler on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 8pm.

We also explore moving and poignant theatre this year with Ellen Snortland's **Now That She's Gone** (March 10 -14, 2010 Times Vary), a memoir inspired by Ellen's relationship to her Norwegian -American mother.

Sprinkled throughout the season we are thrilled to present the **Rhythms of LIFE** series... a unique collection of powerful and personal stories of the most celebrated artists in history. Brought to life in an entertaining blend of live theatre, visual images, and music from classical to jazz. Intimate, passionate narratives crafted from original letters, memoirs and biographies, starring the finest actors and musicians performing today.

The series begins with “**Pardon My English**” **Gershwin By Ira** starring Robert Picardo, pianist Jeff Haskell and vocalist Katherine Byrnes on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 3pm. A brilliant array of Gershwin work, both instrumental and vocal, will be featured. The second in the series “**Love Letters: From Beethoven to Bernstein**” starring Michael Learned, cellist Harry Clark, pianist Sanda Schuldmann and soprano Jennifer Nagy features music and letters from Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Copland, Boulanger, Bernstein, Gershwin and others on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 3pm. Concluding the series will be “**Copland and Me**” starring Armin Shimerman as Virgil Thomson, soprano Jennifer Nagy, cellist Harry Clark, pianist Sanda Schuldmann on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 3pm. Aaron Copland and Virgil Thomson helped shape the course and destiny of American music as we know it today. Music of Copland, Thomson, Gershwin, Barber and Bernstein will be featured.

We close the Hal Bogle Theatre Season with **Yu Wei** on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 7pm. With a cultural richness and unique style, Yu Wei's dance art features music and costumes from China and around the world.

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In The Foyer
You Are Cordially Invited To Attend
Tony N' Tina's Wedding

Save the Date! Consider yourself invited to **Tony N' Tina's Wedding** – (March 23 - 28, 2010 Times Vary). This is the ultimate dinner experience, members of the audience play the role of Tony N' Tina's family and friends. **An all-inclusive evening of eating, drinking and conversation** that will be talked about for many years to come!

Our outreach program, **Community Performing Arts Connection (C-PAC)**, will continue this year with educational workshops featuring **Destino, Red Grammer, A Year with Frog & Toad, Yu Wei**

Dance and Pushcart Players. This series will allow students the opportunity to interact with professionals from different art forms.

For a complete schedule, please visit our website at www.chandlercenter.org. You will also find the Chandler Center for the Arts **Press Room** where you will be able to download print quality photos, get the latest press releases and other helpful information.

**For more information and to PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE visit ChandlerCenter.org.
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About Chandler Center for the Arts

The Chandler Center for the Arts is jointly owned by the City of Chandler and the Chandler Unified School District. The Chandler Cultural Foundation was contracted in 1989 by the City of Chandler as a means to facilitate programming and fund development for the Chandler Center for the Arts.

While the Chandler Center for the Arts is a City of Chandler and Chandler Unified School District building, its artistic and outreach programs are privately supported. The Chandler Center for the Arts receives no direct appropriations for artistic programming. Its appropriations must be applied only to the maintenance and operation of the actual building. Ticket sales and other earned income cover only part of the Center's programming expenses, which means it must rely on donations in order to deliver quality arts programs at an affordable cost to the public. Membership contributions sustain a spectacular array of services and programs. To become a member or to purchase tickets with no per-ticket fee, visit the website at www.chandlercenter.org.

The Chandler Center for the Arts is located at the northwest corner of Chandler Blvd. and Arizona Ave. in Chandler, Ariz.

CALENDAR LISTING INFO

Venue: Chandler Center for the Arts, Chandler

Address: 250 North Arizona Avenue, Chandler, AZ 85225

Box Office: 480-782-2680

Venue Website: www.chandlercenter.org

Online Box Office: <http://chandlercenter.org/performances/box-office.html>

Online Press Releases: <http://chandlercenter.org/press/event-pr.html>

Online Photo Gallery: <http://chandlercenter.org/press/photo-gallery.html>

Interview Request Form: <http://chandlercenter.org/press/request.html>

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