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Press Release

Louisville Memorial Auditorium Announces 2018 Holiday Season!

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Louisville, KY – The **Louisville Memorial Auditorium** is proud to announce the **2018 Holiday Season** with a unique schedule that showcases entertaining productions and events which will amaze audiences of all ages as the historic venue closes out its 89th year and gears up for a year of celebrations as it enters its 90th year!

Kicking off the festivities **Thanksgiving weekend** will be the return of **The Thoroughbreds on Saturday, November 24, 2018** with their 70th annual holiday spectacular, **“A Road Show to Remember!”** The memorable production will feature a musical tour of great American cities. As an added gift there will be the traditional retelling of **“The Christmas Story”** featuring the **70th Anniversary Thoroughbred Alumni Chorus**. Tickets are **\$20 regular admission or \$10 student admission** for both afternoon (1:30 p.m.) and evening (7:30 p.m.) performances. Tickets can be purchased at louisvillememorialauditorium.com or you can order over the phone at **(502) 267-7464**.

Next will be the premiere of a new holiday tradition with **“Magic of Christmas Past: Pipe Organ Concert & Silent Movie”** on **Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** Treat yourself to a nostalgic journey back to the silent movie age when majestic sounds of pipe organs accompanied holiday movies on the big screen. Tim Baker, Master Organist and President of **The William H. Bauer Foundation for Preservation of the Pilcher Pipe Organ**, will be playing holiday favorites while guests enjoy **Laurel & Hardy’s Christmas classic “Big Business”** and a series of holiday shorts originally viewed in theatres before the main movie feature of the day. A **\$10.00 donation** will be accepted as your ticket which can be purchased at louisvillememorialauditorium.com or at the door for both performances as available.

Returning for another beautiful presentation will be the one and only **“Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker”** on **Saturday, December 1, 2018** by popular demand, with a **matinee performance at 3:00 p.m. and evening performance at 7:00 p.m.**, featuring brand new over-the-top production starring world-class Russian artists. Audiences will see larger than life puppets, nesting dolls and gloriously hand-crafted costumes that will surely bring the Christmas spirit to life and deliver a message of peace and unity. The 2018 tour will be spreading goodwill in over 150 cities across the US and Canada including the Derby City. **Tickets can be purchased at NUTCRACKER.COM or by calling 1-800-745-3000. A pre-show holiday dinner buffet will be served in the historic ballroom prior to the evening performance with limited seating beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Tickets are **\$40.00 per adult and \$20.00 per child (12 & under)** and can be purchased at louisvillememorialauditorium.com while available.

Another holiday classic, **STAGE ONE Family Theatre’s production of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!** makes its debut in the historic auditorium with four memorable public performances on **Friday, December 14; Saturday, December 15; Tuesday, December 18 and Saturday, December 22, 2018**. The Herdmans are the worst kids in the whole history of the world; they lie, steal and cheat. Now they have bullied their way into the church’s annual Christmas pageant! Slated to be the “worst pageant ever,” the whole town has gathered in anticipation, waiting to see the Herdmans ruin Christmas. Will the pageant be a disaster as everyone is expecting, or will the spirit of the

season change the hearts and minds of the Herdman family? **Purchase your tickets and learn more about one of our community's longest running holiday productions at Stageone.org to find out!**

Gracing the stage for another year will be the beautiful voices and music of the **Prez Choir** for **Presentation Academy's Annual Christmas Concert** on **Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Step out and enjoy a long-time tradition as the talented students present a special evening welcoming the holiday season. In the spirit of **Catherine Spalding and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Presentation Academy** strives to create a diverse community that promotes academic excellence and challenges young women to develop their greatest potential as leaders in a global society. To purchase your tickets and learn more about this incredible institution of learning at **presentationacademy.org** or call **(502) 583-5935**.

Start a new tradition by attending **"A Christmas Tea with the Holiday Fairies and Santa"** on **Sunday, December 16, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** The fairy sisters will welcome families as they are served delicious seasonal teas provided by the **Louisville Tea Company** for a delightful afternoon. This one of kind event will have a tasty menu featuring delicious mini quiches, sandwiches and desserts. All the little girls and boys will enjoy fun activities, sounds of the season and a special visit from old St. Nick himself, while capturing those special moments with a fanciful balloon photo wall and balloon decorations by **"Ah, Whatta 'Bout Mimi"** while in the majestic main lobby decorated for the season! A limited amount of tickets will be available at **louisvillememorialauditorium.com** for **\$25.00 per child (12 & under) and \$30.00 per adults.**

Ending the holiday season and welcoming the New Year will be a truly special experience with **"The World War in Broad Outlines,"** a WWI traveling exhibit making its debut in the United States at the historic **Louisville Memorial Auditorium,** beginning **December 20, 2018 and continuing for specific dates through January 20, 2019.** The inspiring and moving exhibit about the Great War was created by the **Belgian National Institute for Veterans and Victims of War for the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, endorsed by the United States WWI Centennial Commission.** To ensure interested visitors and groups can view this monumental exhibit, complimentary limited tickets will be available on dates scheduled and can be requested at **louisvillememorialauditorium.com** while available.

"Each season our community offers a variety of holiday events, and this year the Louisville Memorial Auditorium proudly joins that tradition with a wonderful schedule of unique programming that will quickly become a new tradition with audiences of all ages", said Kelly Gream, Executive Director.

About the Louisville Memorial Auditorium

Louisville Memorial Auditorium celebrates its 90th Anniversary in 2019 and will announce in the New Year a number of special events to be held throughout the year with which to honor it. The unique venue offers rich history, architectural beauty, and a remarkable stage experience complete with lighting and sound systems to produce a memorable event, a Louisville Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, dedicated on Memorial Day in 1929. The auditorium was built from the outgrowth of two movements: one for a public auditorium, the other for a memorial to commemorate the deeds of the sons and daughters of Louisville, KY and Jefferson County who served in WWI. Over the years many concerts, graduations, dance recitals and competitions, stage productions and other interesting events have been held at the venue. Under new management, the non-profit will be inviting weddings and meeting events to be held at the historic landmark.

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