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WHAT: The UMass Fine Arts Center
Announces 2010-2011 Season

WHERE: UMass Fine Arts Center
University of Massachusetts Amherst
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UMASS FINE ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES 2010–11 SEASON

The UMass Fine Arts Center has been connecting international artists to Valley audiences for 35 years. This year, audiences can choose from a range of over thirty stellar performances, from appearances by titans of the performing arts to intimate shows by emerging artists whose talents have marked them for illustrious careers. In addition, there are a variety of value-added events including pre-performance talks and cultural festivals, post-performance talk backs, workshops, forums, escorted bus trips, and much more. In an effort to make the experience of the arts more affordable for all in this sluggish economy, the FAC is maintaining its ticket prices and youth and student tickets have been reduced to \$10 from \$15. Plus in addition to offering the create-your-own subscription with savings of 15%, the FAC is offering pre-packaged subscriptions with a savings of 25%.

It's fortuitous that Amherst is nestled between Boston and New York and thus a coveted stop on many artists' tours. Artists that perform at the top venues in New York and Boston often can be seen right here. For that reason, the value of the entertainment dollar is leveraged many times over at the FAC. Hugh Masekela, for example, a truly legendary performer on the world music scene and a defining force in the struggle for human rights, will perform in the intimate venue of Bowker Auditorium with a top ticket price of \$30 (and that's before discounts from any subscription package). Want to catch him at Carnegie Hall? You'll pay \$148; admission to his Boston appearance on this tour is \$122. That's just one of the season's many attractively priced highlights.

There's plenty for jazz and dance lovers with ten jazz acts to choose from (including jazz greats Chucho Valdés, Randy Weston and Jimmy Cobb to name a few) and seven dance events (including the Lar Lubovitch Dance Co., Pilobolus, and Philadanco among others). World music is represented by the countries of Africa (Acoustic Africa), South Africa (Hugh Masekela), Ireland (Mary Black), Mexico (Mariachis los Camperos), Iran (Divahn with Galeet Dardashti) and India (Red Baraat). Theater comes to Bowker Auditorium with a theatrical account of the book *Three Cups of Tea* and the timeless classic *Waiting for Godot* that takes place in post-hurricane Katrina New Orleans. For classical music lovers renowned violinist Robert McDuffie performs Vivaldi's and Glass' "Seasons" with the Venice Baroque Chamber Orchestra; Cantus brings some healing holiday balm with All is Calm and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra makes a much anticipated stop in March. There's plenty for families with two acrobatic troupes (Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats and Cirque Mechanics) plus dance and music events that can hold and thrill the attention span of those from 5 to 95.

There's much more in addition to these highlights. A listing of all the performances can be had by calling the box office for a brochure or by visiting the Fine Arts Center's website at www.fineartscenter.com. As always, the University Club will be serving up "Global Gourmet" culturally-themed dinners before selected events, and the FAC's successful "Arts Give Back" campaign returns this year asking patrons to bring selected items to events that will be donated to local non-profits.

Six specially packaged series are available at the discounted rate of 25% off the regular ticket price and includes Dance, Jazz, Classical, Family, World Music, and Theater. Subscribers who order tickets to six or more events will be considered "VIP Patrons," and will receive complimentary tickets to select events throughout the season.

Tickets for youth 17 and under and for students of the Five Colleges, Greenfield Community College, and Springfield Technical Community College are only \$10 or less for all FAC performances.

The series packages, as well as single-event tickets are on sale now. Call 545-2511 or 800-999-UMAS to receive a free brochure or to order tickets. For more detailed information about the 2010–11 season and to order tickets online at our secure website, visit www.fineartscenter.com.

THE 2010-2011 FINE ARTS CENTER PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

SOLOS & DUOS: ANTHONY BRAXTON and TAYLOR HO BYNUM

Wednesday, September 22, 8 PM, Bezanson Recital Hall

CEDAR LAKE CONTEMPORARY BALLET

Saturday, October 2, 8 PM, Concert Hall

TYLER TYLER with YASUKO YAKOSHI CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Wednesday, October 6, Bowker, 7:30 PM

LIONEL LOUEKE TRIO

Thursday, October 7, 7:30 PM, Bowker Auditorium

HUGH MASEKELA

Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 PM, Bowker Auditorium

CHUCHO VALDES

Tuesday, October 19, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

THREE CUPS OF TEA

Produced by The American Place Theatre, Literature to Life

Wednesday, October 27, 7:30 PM, Bowker Auditorium

SOLOS & DUOS: FRED FRITH

Thursday, October 28, 8 PM, Bezanson Recital Hall

LAR LUBOVITCH DANCE COMPANY

Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

SHANGRI-LA CHINESE ACROBATS

Friday, November 5, 8 PM, Concert Hall

VENICE BAROQUE ORCHESTRA: "THE SEASONS PROJECT"

THE FOUR SEASONS BY VIVALDI AND THE AMERICAN FOUR SEASONS BY PHILIP GLASS

Monday, November 8, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

MARY BLACK

Friday, November 12, 8 PM, Concert Hall

MAZOWSZE

Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

SOLOS & DUOS: RANDY WESTON

Thursday, November 18, 8 PM, Bowker Auditorium

CANTUS & THEATER LATTÉ DA: "ALL IS CALM"

Thursday, December 2, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

CHARLES LLOYD NEW QUARTET

with Jason Moran, Reuben Rogers & Eric Harland

Tuesday, January 25, 7:30 PM, Bowker Auditorium

BALÉ FOLCLÓRICO DA BAHIA

Thursday, January 27, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

PILOBOLUS

Tuesday, February 1, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

SAMUEL BECKETT'S *WAITING FOR GODOT*

Directed by Christopher McElroen

Tuesday, February 15, 7:30 PM, Bowker Auditorium

**MAGIC TRIANGLE: THE CELESTIAL SEPTET with THE ROVA SAX QUARTET
+ THE NELS CLINE SINGERS**

Thursday, February 24, 8 PM, Bowker Auditorium

ACOUSTIC AFRICA

Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

David Robertson, music director and conductor
Sunday, March 6, 7 PM, Concert Hall

PHILADANCO DANCE COMPANY

Thursday, March 10, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

CIRQUE MECHANICS in BOOMTOWN

Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

DIVAHN with GALEET DARDASHTI

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 PM, Bowker Auditorium

WE FOUR: CELEBRATING JOHN COLTRANE

Javon Jackson, tenor saxophone • Mulgrew Miller, piano • Jimmy Cobb, drums • Peter Washington, bass
Saturday, March 26, 8 PM, Bowker Auditorium

MAGIC TRIANGLE: AMIR ELSAFFAR'S TWO RIVERS ENSEMBLE

Tuesday, March 29, 8 PM, Bezanson Recital Hall

MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS DE NATI CANO

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 PM, Concert Hall

RED BARAAT

Sunday, April 10 at 4 PM, Bowker Auditorium

MAGIC TRIANGLE: MOSTLY OTHER PEOPLE DO THE KILLING

Wednesday, April 20, 8 PM, Bezanson Recital Hall

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