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**WHAT: Center Series presents: The Flying Karamazov Brothers in  
Life: A Guide for the Perplexed**

**WHEN: Friday, February 10 at 8pm**

**WHERE: Fine Arts Center Concert Hall  
University of Massachusetts Amherst  
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## **(The Karamazov Brothers Bring their Zany Hijinks to the Fine Arts Center)**

“Their self-imposed recipe of good juggling and bad jokes is irresistible to Karamazov addicts such as myself. I think they have a touch of genius to them.”

– Clive Barnes, New York Post

Jugglers first and foremost, the Brothers K give a performance that is more than just balls and clubs being tossed up in the air; their interconnected series of characters, songs, and story lines creates an unusual and entertaining spectacle like nothing you've ever seen before. The venerable troupe's latest creation is a series of parables that combines vaudeville and commedia dell'arte, infused with music, salted with politics, and served in a spirit of pure weirdness. They perform at the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. There will be a free family reception in the lobby at 7pm with entertainment by the UMass Juggling Team and a quick craft for the kids with the staff of FamilyFun Magazine.

The brothers (who aren't actually related) have enjoyed six successful and critically acclaimed runs on Broadway; *Juggling and Cheap Theatrics* at the Ritz Theatre in 1983, *Juggling and Cheap Theatrics* reopening the Vivian Beaumont Theatre at Lincoln Center in 1986, *The Comedy of Errors* at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre in 1987, *The Flying Karamazov Brothers Do The Impossible* at the Helen Hayes Theatre in 1994 and *Sharps, Flats & Accidentals* at The New Victory Theater in 1996 and at Alice Tully Hall in 1998.

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The Flying Karamazov Brothers have been around since 1973 performing everywhere, from their early days on the streets of San Francisco, to more recent appearances on Broadway; they have trod the stages of the most prestigious theatres in the English-speaking World, from Singapore to Scotland; they've toured through every state in the Union; and they've appeared on silver screens, both large and small.

In 1980, they won an OBIE Award. In 1983, they starred in their own Showtime special, in an hour culled from their first Broadway show. Their 1989 PBS special, *The Flying Karamazov Brothers: Stars of New Vaudeville* won a local EMMY for Outstanding Entertainment Programming. In 1994 they were nominated for an Olivier Award for their run of *Juggle & Hyde* in London's West End. In 1998 *Room Service* was nominated for an Ovation Award in the category of Best Adaptation.

In addition to their awards and critical acclamation, The Brothers also have a number of television appearances to credit their name. They have appeared on an episode of *Seinfeld* as The Flying Sandos Brothers and, as themselves, on *Ellen* and the PBS shows *Bill Nye, the Science Guy* and *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*. In 1997 they appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. Other television credits include: Public Television's *Great Performances, Live from Lincoln Center*, several *Smothers Brothers* shows, numerous appearances on such shows as NBC's *Today Show*, ABC's *Good Morning America*, CBS's *This Morning*, *The Wayne Brady Show*, TNN's *Crook & Chase*, *Home*, *Regis and Kathie Lee*, *The Pat Sajak Show*, *The Late Show with Joan Rivers*, *Dolly* with Dolly Parton, *Comedy Tonight*, CBS' *Happy New Year America*, and the Disney Channel Special *The New Vaudevillians*. They even had a stint on the big screen, as they appeared along side Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and Danny DeVito in the hit movie, *The Jewel of the Nile*.

The Flying Karamazov Brothers bring their zany humor and terrible puns to the Fine Arts Center on Friday, February 10. Hosted in the FAC Concert Hall, the show starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$35, \$25, and \$15, Youth 17 and under are \$15, and Five College Students, \$15. This event is sponsored by Jones Town & Country, The Hampshire Hospitality Group, Family Fun Magazine, and 100.9 FM WRNX.

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