

Kravis On Broadway **Announces the 2010-2011 Series**

- * ***DREAMGIRLS*** (Nov 23-28, 2010)
- * ***NETworks Presents***
Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (Jan 4-9, 2011)
- * ***The New Mel Brooks Musical***
YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (Feb 1-6, 2011)
- * ***WEST SIDE STORY*** (March 8-13, 2011)
- * ***THE COLOR PURPLE*** (May 10-15, 2011)

(West Palm Beach, FL – March 9, 2010) The **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** is proud to announce the exciting 2010-2011 ***Kravis On Broadway*** series, which includes five smash hit musicals.

“The 2010-2011 *Kravis On Broadway* season boasts a powerful line-up which includes **The New Mel Brooks Musical *Young Frankenstein*** and straight from the Great White Way, a superb revival of ***West Side Story***. Add to this, **NETworks Presents *Disney's Beauty & The Beast, Dreamgirls*** and ***The Color Purple***, all making their West Palm Beach debut at the Kravis Center. The upcoming *Kravis On Broadway* season promises a world of excitement and escape for our audience,” said **Lee Bell**, the Kravis Center’s Senior Director of Programming.

The 2010-2011 ***Kravis On Broadway*** series:

November 23-28, 2010 ***DREAMGIRLS***

Full of onstage joy and backstage drama, ***DREAMGIRLS*** tells the story of an up-and-coming 1960s singing girl group, and the triumphs and tribulations that come with fame and fortune. Hopeful talents Deena Jones, Lorrell Robinson and Effie White are performing as The Dreamettes when ambitious agent Curtis Taylor, Jr. discovers them and begins to guide their quickly rising career. However, when the beautiful Deena emerges as the star of the group rather than the

full-voiced Effie, the girls are brought to personal and professional crossroads.

The original Broadway production of ***DREAMGIRLS*** opened December 20, 1981, ran for 1,521 performances and garnered six Tony Awards. The original Broadway production was directed by Michael Bennett and choreographed by Bennett and Michael Peters. ***DREAMGIRLS*** was adapted into a motion picture by DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures, and opened in December 2006 receiving two Academy Awards and six Golden Globes. This all-new production of ***DREAMGIRLS*** premiered at Harlem's legendary Apollo Theater in New York City on November 22, 2009, before embarking on this international tour.

January 4-9, 2011

NETworks Presents

Disney's *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*

Disney's *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*, the smash hit Broadway musical, is coming to West Palm Beach! Featuring the Academy Award-winning score from the feature film (music by Alan Menken and lyrics by the late Howard Ashman) and additional songs with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Tim Rice, this eye-popping spectacle has won the hearts of over 35 million people worldwide in 21 countries. This classic musical love story is filled with unforgettable characters, lavish sets and costumes, and dazzling production numbers including "Be Our Guest" and the beloved title song. Experience the romance and enchantment of **Disney's *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*** at the Kravis Center!

BEAUTY & THE BEAST is the classic story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped in a spell placed by an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

February 1-6, 2011

**The New Mel Brooks Musical
*YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN***

The New Mel Brooks Musical YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN, a new musical comedy from the creative team of the 12-time Tony Award winning smash *The Producers*, opened on Broadway in November 2007. Based on the 1974 movie comedy, ***YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN*** features a book by three-time Tony Award winner Mel Brooks and three-time Tony Award winner Thomas Meehan and music and lyrics by Brooks. The show was directed and choreographed by five-time Tony Award winner Susan Stroman. ***YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN*** was named Best Broadway Musical 2008 by the Outer Critics Circle Award, and was hailed by Clive Barnes of the *New York Post* as “the Broadway musical at its dizziest, glitziest and funniest.”

March 8-13, 2011

WEST SIDE STORY

More than 50 years ago one musical changed theater forever. Now it's back on Broadway mesmerizing audiences once again. From the first note to the final breath, ***WEST SIDE STORY*** soars as the greatest love story of all time. Directed by its two-time Tony Award-winning librettist Arthur Laurents, ***WEST SIDE STORY*** remains as powerful, poignant and timely as ever. The new Broadway cast album of ***WEST SIDE STORY*** recently won the 2010 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album. The Bernstein and Sondheim score is considered to be one of Broadway's finest and features such classics of the American musical theatre as "Something's Coming," "Tonight," "America," "I Feel Pretty" and "Somewhere." “So exciting IT MAKES YOU ACHE WITH PLEASURE.” –John Lahr, *The New Yorker*

May 10-15, 2011

THE COLOR PURPLE

A soul-stirring musical based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the moving film by Steven Spielberg, ***THE COLOR PURPLE*** is the unforgettable and inspiring story of a woman named Celie, who finds her unique voice in the world. Nominated for eleven Tony[®] Awards, ***THE COLOR PURPLE*** is a landmark theatrical event, a celebration of love, and a Broadway phenomenon. With a joyous GRAMMY[®]-nominated score featuring jazz, gospel and

blues, ***THE COLOR PURPLE*** is capturing the hearts of young and old, and uniting audiences in a community of joy.

How to Get Tickets:

Subscribers for the *Kravis On Broadway* series will receive their renewals in the beginning of April. At that time, Kravis Center donors will also receive information on becoming a *Kravis On Broadway* subscriber for the 2010-11 series. For more information about becoming a donor, log on to kravis.org/membership, or call (561) 651-4320.

Subscriptions for all five *Kravis On Broadway* offerings are \$141 to \$419 and go on sale July 10 to the general public. For information about purchasing a subscription to *Kravis On Broadway*, contact the Kravis Center box office at (561) 832-7469 or (800) 572-8471, or log on to kravis.org/broadway.

About the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts:

The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality; by offering comprehensive arts education programs; by providing a Palm Beach County home in which local and regional arts organizations can showcase their work; and by providing economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County.

The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, please call **561-832-7469** or visit www.kravis.org/broadway.

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