

Sangamon Auditorium announces the winners of the Singing with the Broadway Stars audition

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October 7, 2009 (SPRINGFIELD, IL) The University of Illinois Springfield – Sangamon Auditorium is pleased to announce that the following local talents have been selected by Broadway composer, Neil Berg, to join the all-star cast on stage during the upcoming performance of *101 Years of Broadway*, Saturday, October 24, 8 p.m.

Singing with the Broadway Stars Winners:

Clayton Joyner
Jacob Deters
David Jones
Holly Thompson
DJ Schultz
Emily Wheeler
Mark McCue
Kristy Crouse
Natalie Randall
Madison Kauffman

The winners were selected through a unique audition process where local talents and Broadway enthusiast posted video audition clips via Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. In total, 33 audition video clips were submitted from the Springfield – central Illinois area to be reviewed by Neil Berg and the members of his all-star Broadway cast.

Central Illinois' Favorites

Starting next week, October 12-16, WICS News Channel 20 will air interview segments during the Sunrise Morning Show and Sangamon Auditorium will post online the audition videos submitted by the 10 local winners. Central Illinois will be able to watch the audition videos and vote for 2 of the 10 winners as "central Illinois' favorites." The two lucky singers selected from the 10 winners will not only join the cast of *101 Years of Broadway* on stage at Sangamon Auditorium but will have the chance to sing a short solo during the shows finale. Visit www.SangamonAuditorium.org for more information. Online voting starts Monday, October 12 and will continue until Wednesday, October 21, 5 p.m.

101 Years of Broadway

Saturday, October 24, 2009, 8 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Last year's audience requested that Sangamon Auditorium, UIS bring back Neil Berg's show. So, we did! And this year, *Neil Berg's 101 Years of Broadway* is another recreation of the best moments from the biggest Broadway shows. Award-winning composer Neil Berg has yet again

brilliantly revived arrangements of Broadway classics as well as numbers from Broadway's newest hit shows that are supported by an all-star New York cast and band. Don't miss the music of your favorite Broadway composers from Andrew Lloyd Weber to Stephen Sondheim and more!

Tickets for this event start at the \$48, 43 and \$33 ("Audition Ticket Price) and are on sale now. To order tickets visit www.SangamonAuditorium.org or call the Sangamon Auditorium Ticket Office at (217) 206-6160 or toll free at 800-207-6960. Tickets can also be purchased in-person at the Ticket Office, which is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

"Audition" Ticket Prices

For the 2009-2010 season, Sangamon Auditorium is introducing new "Audition" ticket prices. Through these reduced prices, patrons can explore different genres of the performing arts and see events that spark their curiosity. "Audition" ticket holders are not guaranteed a specific seat. The day of the performance, Ticket Office staff will place all "Audition" tickets in the best available locations. Patrons who order "Audition" tickets will not be able to pick up their tickets until the evening of the performance. "Audition" prices are only available for individual ticket sales, and a limited number are available for select performances.

About Sangamon Auditorium, UIS

Located on the campus of the University of Illinois Springfield, Sangamon Auditorium hosts more than 120 performances annually. Home to the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and Springfield Ballet Company, it is the only auditorium of its kind and size in the Springfield area, with a seating capacity of 2,018.

Sangamon Auditorium, UIS continues to fulfill its mission of presenting and supporting varied cultural and educational professional arts activities to audiences in Springfield, Sangamon County, and the surrounding areas. The Auditorium administrative offices can be reached at 217.206.6150 or by email at onstage@uis.edu <mailto:onstage@uis.edu> .

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