

Student educational performing arts series at Sangamon Auditorium, UIS marks 500,000th student attendee.

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March 23, 2009 (SPRINGFIELD, IL) – On Monday, March 30, Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield will mark a special milestone, the 500,000th attendee to a *Class Acts* series educational performance and the official announcement of its 2009-2010 series offerings.

The audience at the 12:30 p.m. performance of Mad Science – CSI: Live!, sponsored by Sangamon Schools Credit Union, will include the 500,000th attendee at a *Class Acts* performance since the series inception on September 19, 1986. The designated 500,000th student will be honored in a small ceremony at noon in the Sangamon Auditorium lobby. Local media interested in covering this milestone are welcome and invited to video record or take pictures during this short ceremony, while students are arriving for the 12:30 p.m. performance of Mad Science – CSI: Live!, as well as a few minutes during the actual performance. Over 1,200 students from 18 different public, private and home schools throughout central Illinois will be in attendance and Sangamon Auditorium Director Bob Vaughn and Director of Audience Development and Communications Carly Shank will be available for interviews.

Teachers throughout central Illinois, including those present at the Mad Science – CSI: Live! performance, will be receiving information about the 2009-2010 *Class Acts* series performances starting next Monday, March 30. Additional information about upcoming *Class Acts* performances, as well as information about how public, private and home schools can get tickets, will be made available that day.

The 2008-2009 *Class Acts* series is sponsored by Siciliano, Inc.

About *Class Acts*

The goal of *Class Acts*, the performing arts series for youth at Sangamon Auditorium, UIS is to present a diverse performing arts program for youth in support of educational and cultural goals mandated by the State of Illinois for grades K through 12. *Class Acts* strives to assist youth in understanding the nature of the performing arts by providing students with the experience of live performance and furnishing teaching packets to assist teachers. *Class Acts* endeavors to introduce students to new ideas that will promote their personal and social well being as well as their educational growth through familiarizing them with new forms of communication and acquainting them with the existence of other cultures and the contribution they have made to the world.

About Sangamon Auditorium, UIS

Sangamon Auditorium, located on the campus of the University of Illinois at Springfield, hosts more than 120 performances annually. Also 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 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.

Style guide note: When reporting about Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield, please use the complete name of the university or the UIS acronym in conjunction with the auditorium name. Preferred uses: Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield or Sangamon Auditorium, UIS.

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