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**KRANNERT CENTER ANNOUNCES 2014-15 SEASON**

High energy, contemplative, unexpected, reverent, inspiring, and esteemed—on the heels of its 45th anniversary celebration, Krannert Center for the Performing Arts presents the 2014-15 season. Artful encounters that cross genres and uplifting discoveries that span generations await all in the vibrant season of performances that lie ahead.

The Opening Night Party will sizzle with excitement as Mariachi Sol de México® de José Hernàndez, Tiempo Libre, and Samba Soul fill the lobby with hot Latin sounds. Big names like Renée Fleming, Cassandra Wilson, Rosanne Cash, and Wynton Marsalis are sure to thrill. A trio of performances in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I will let history reverberate, while commissioning projects with Gil Shaham, Ragamala Dance, and the Mark Morris Dance Group will propel the future of the arts. Exciting classical repertoire will ring anew in the Foellinger Great Hall as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony, Jupiter String Quartet, and young artists of the Salon Series—Emerging Artistry take to the stage. Families and audiences of all ages will relish the exuberance of Circus Oz and the National Acrobats of the People’s Republic of China, and there’s sure to be thunderous applause when KODO leads the lineup of artists for the March 14 Day of the Drum. The dynamic performances by the University of Illinois School of Music, Illinois Theatre, and Dance at Illinois, as well as those from Sinfonia da Camera and the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra are also featured in the listing below. The new season is chock full of diverse artists, consistent excellence, and uncommon creativity across a multiplicity of genres and from throughout the globe.

**More details will be available right here on Thursday, July 24.**

**Tickets go on sale at 10am on Saturday, August 16.**

**Planning Calendar 2014-15**

**September**

12 Fr 6pm | Opening Night Party with Mariachi Sol de México, Tiempo Libre, Samba Soul, and others

13 Sa 7:30pm | Rosanne Cash: *The River & the Thread*

14 Su 7:30pm | St. Louis Symphony

23 Tu 7:30pm | Susan Marshall & Company: *Play/Pause*

26 Fr 7:30pm | The Pygmalion Festival

27 Sa 7:30pm | Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

30 Tu 5:30pm | Sinfonia da Camera: *Rush Hour—Youthful Impressions*

**October**

2-3 Th-Fr 7:30pm | Isango Ensemble: *The Magic Flute* (*Impempe Yomlingo*)

2-4 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *Polaroid Stories*

7 Tu 7:30pm | Sphinx Virtuosi with Catalyst Quartet

7-11 Tu-Sa 7:30pm | *Polaroid Stories*

11 Sa 7:30pm | Chicago Symphony Orchestra

12 Su 3pm | *Polaroid Stories*

16-18 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *The Skin of Our Teeth*

17 Fr 7:30pm | Sinfonia da Camera: *A Richard Strauss Celebration*

18 Sa 6:30pm | Dessert and Conversation: *The Skin of Our Teeth*

18 Sa 7:30pm | *Broadway Smash* featuring Todd Ellison and Friends

22 We 7pm | National Acrobats of the People’s Republic of China: *Cirque Peking*

22-25 We-Sa 7:30pm | Blind Summit Theatre: *The Table*

23-25 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *The Skin of Our Teeth*

25 Sa 7:30pm | Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra: *Voyages*

26 Su 2pm | Dessert and Conversation: *The Skin of Our Teeth*

26 Su 3pm | *The Skin of Our Teeth*

29 We 7:30pm | The Senegal St. Joseph Gospel Choir

30 Th 7:30pm | Jupiter String Quartet with James Dunham, viola

**November**

4 Tu 7:30pm | Apollo’s Fire Baroque Orchestra: The Monteverdi *Vespers of 1610*

6-8 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *The Elixir of Love*

6-8 Th-Sa 7:30pm | November Dance

7 Fr 6:30pm | Dessert and Conversation: November Dance

8 Sa 6:30pm | Dessert and Conversation: *The Elixir of Love*

8 Sa 7:30pm | Sinfonia da Camera: *Menahem and Mozart*

9 Su 2pm | Dessert and Conversation: *The Elixir of Love*

9 Su 3pm | Concert Artists Guild Winner: Lysander Piano Trio

9 Su 3pm | *The Elixir of Love*

11-15 Tu-Sa 7:30pm | *Oh What a Lovely War*

16 Su 3pm | *Oh What a Lovely War*

18 Tu 7:30pm | CultureTalk: Barry Lopez and Deke Weaver

20 Th 7pm | Damine Kabuki

**December**

2 Tu 7:30pm | Cantus and Theater Latté Da: *All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914*

4-5 Th-Fr 7:30pm | *The Nutcracker*

5 Fr 7:30pm | Sinfonia da Camera: *Messiah and Mendelssohn*

6 Sa 2pm & 7:30pm | *The Nutcracker*

7 Su 2pm & 6pm | *The Nutcracker*

11 Th 7:30pm | Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra: *The CUSO Holiday Concert*

**January**

20 Tu 7pm | Russian National Ballet Theatre: *Chopiniana/Romeo and Juliet*

21 We 7pm | Russian National Ballet Theatre: *The Sleeping Beauty*

22 Th 7pm | Russian National Ballet Theatre: *Cinderella*

24 Sa 7:30pm | Ryan Truesdell Presents: The Gil Evans Project

29 Th 7:30pm | Ragamala Dance with Rudresh Mahanthappa: *Song of the Jasmine*

31 Sa 7:30pm | Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra: *Musical Revolutionaries*

**February**

5 Th 7:30pm | Tango Buenos Aires

5-7 Th-Sa 7:30pm | February Dance

6 Fr 6:30pm | Dessert and Conversation: February Dance

8 Su 3pm | Cleveland Quartet Award Winner: Ariel Quartet

10 Tu 7:30pm | Jupiter String Quartet

12-13 Th-Fr 7pm | Circus Oz: *But Wait . . . There’s More*

13 Fr 7:30pm | Sinfonia da Camera: *El Fuego del Amor*

14 Sa 10:30am | Circus Oz: *But Wait . . . There’s More*

14 Sa 7:30pm | Renée Fleming, soprano

17-21 Tu-Sa 7:30pm | The Sullivan Project

18 We 7:30pm | Step Afrika!

22 Su 3pm | The Sullivan Project

26-28 Th-Sa 7:30pm | The Hot Sardines: *Speakeasy Nights*

26-28 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *The Merry Widow*

28 Sa 6:30pm | Dessert and Conversation: *The Merry Widow*

28 Sa 7:30pm | State Symphony Orchestra of México

**March**

1 Su 2pm | Dessert and Conversation: *The Merry Widow*

1 Su 3pm | *The Merry Widow*

5-7 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *’Tis Pity She’s a Whore*

6 Fr 7:30pm | Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra: *Music of the Heartland*

6 Fr 7:30pm | The Nile Project: *Music of the Nile*

7 Sa 6:30pm | Dessert and Conversation: *’Tis Pity She’s a Whore*

8 Su 3pm | Young Concert Artists Winner: Yun-Chin Zhou, piano

10 Tu 7:30pm | Kronos Quartet: *Beyond Zero: 1914-1918*

12 Th 7:30pm | Cassandra Wilson: *Coming Forth By Day: A Celebration of Billie Holiday*

12-14 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *’Tis Pity She’s a Whore*

12-14 Th-Sa 7pm & 9pm | Studiodance I

13 Fr 7:30pm | Sinfonia da Camera: *A Chamber Music Potpourri*

14 Sa All Day | Day of the Drum

14 Sa 7pm | KODO One Earth Tour: *Mystery*

15 Su 2pm | Dessert and Conversation: *’Tis Pity She’s a Whore*

15 Su 3pm | *’Tis Pity She’s a Whore*

18 We 7:30pm | BASETRACK

19 Th 7:30pm | Cameron Carpenter, organ

**April**

7 Tu 7:30pm | Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center: *The Passionate Piano Quartets*

9-11 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *Not About Nightingales*

14 Tu 7:30pm | Jupiter String Quartet with Jon Manasse, clarinet

14-18 Tu-Sa 7:30pm | *Not About Nightingales*

15-16 We-Th 7:30pm | MOMIX: *Alchemia*

17 Fr 7:30pm | Sinfonia da Camera: *Romanticism and Beyond*

18 Sa 7:30pm | Deana Martin and Her Quintet: *Tribute to Dean Martin*

*and Frank Sinatra*

19 Su 3pm | *Not About Nightingales*

23 Th 7:30pm | Gil Shaham: The Bach Project

23-25 Th-Sa 7:30pm | *Into the Woods*

25 Sa 6:30pm | Dessert and Conversation: *Into the Woods*

25 Sa 7:30pm | Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra: *The Triumph of Music*

26 Su 2pm | Dessert and Conversation: *Into the Woods*

26 Su 3pm | *Into the Woods*

**May**

1-2 Fr-Sa 7:30pm | Mark Morris Dance Group: *Acis and Galatea*

3 Su 3pm | Krannert Center Debut Artist

*Programs and artists are subject to change.*