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## 2009-2010 Season Features 109 Performances

World-Class Music, Dance, Theater, Comedy, Renowned Speakers,  
Family Shows, and Festivals in Sonoma County

Santa Rosa, CA (May 11, 2009)—Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, the North Bay's community arts center for 28 years, announces its 2009-2010 Season with 109 performances and events presenting music, dance, theater, comedy, renowned speakers, family shows, and festivals. From a first-ever Sonoma County performance by rock icon Sheryl Crow to the smash Broadway musical Cabaret, the new season features something for everyone. Eight new family-friendly shows highlight the popular Target Family Fun Series, while the Kendall-Jackson Symphony Pops Series presents the magic and power of symphony music in a six-concert showbiz spectacular.

New this season, the Arts Center presents the World Passport, Discovery, and Classic Series. Each of these series options includes a list of performances from which patrons may choose to create an individual arts experience. "We've been working for about a year now to shape a season that contains the very best in arts and entertainment, says Rick Nowlin, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts executive director. "These performances exemplify our commitment to enrich, educate, and entertain our community by presenting the highest quality in music, dance, theater, and speaker events."

In the World Passport Series, performances by artists such as Spanish Harlem Orchestra, African Children's Choir, and Celtic Legends bring you face-to-face with the unique people, customs, and cultures of the world. The Discovery Series, featuring artists such as Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Anthony Bourdain, and Metta Quintet, offers the spice of life through unique art forms and fresh ideas. Presentations such as Essential Graham: Classics from the Martha Graham Dance Company and a co-headline performance by The Dave Brubeck Quartet & the Ramsey Lewis Trio shape the Classics Series—bringing the world's finest, most enduring, and highly acclaimed artists to the stage. Additionally, the Create Your Own Series returns this year. With 22 performances from which to choose, this series offers the ultimate in flexibility.

Headline entertainers this season include some familiar faces, as well as performers coming to the Center for the first time ever. Huey Lewis and The News and Sheryl Crow each make first-ever appearances this summer. Elvis Costello returns with an all-new sound featuring bluegrass, blues, and jazz; while The Beach Boys bring back their sunny vocal harmonies; and the Brian Setzer Orchestra rocks out with their Christmas extravaganza. Considered one of the best comedy houses in the nation, the Center's new eight-show lineup features comedians such as Frank Caliendo, Carlos Mencia, and a rare and up-close performance by Larry The Cable Guy—who is selling out arena-sized venues all across the country.

Events presented by the Center's resident companies, including Santa Rosa Symphony, Roustabout Theater, Healdsburg Guitar Festival, DRW Production Company, and American Philharmonic Sonoma County, round out the season. Couple these performances with the 25-plus school shows presented by the Center's nationally-recognized Education Through the Arts program, and you have an average of one performing arts event every third day during the 2009-2010 Season!

#### TICKETS

Tickets for the 2009-2010 Season go on-sale Friday, May 15 at noon via [wellsfargocenterarts.org](http://wellsfargocenterarts.org) or the Box Office at 707.546.3600 or 50 Mark West Springs Road in Santa Rosa. Please see the attached series, genre, and chronological event listings. Some performances may already be on-sale and/or may be sold by outside ticketing organizations.

#### About Wells Fargo Center for the Arts

A non-profit community arts center, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is home to world-class performances, nationally recognized education programs, contemporary sculpture, and many popular events. The Arts Center is located in the heart of the Sonoma wine country and ranked among California's top performing arts presenters. Together with its resident companies, the Center presents more than 100 performances each year in music, dance, theater, renowned speakers, and comedy; and education programs serving 30,000 children and adults annually. Owned and operated by the Luther Burbank Memorial Foundation, the Center relies on charitable community donations to achieve its mission – to enrich, educate, and entertain.

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