

## **2010-2011 American Bank Broadway in Bozeman Series Announced**

BOZEMAN, MT – The Brick Breeden Fieldhouse and Theatre Council Productions, a Chicago-based presenter of touring productions, are proud to announce the seventh season of the **American Bank Broadway in Bozeman Series**.

The series will feature four spectacular shows including An Evening with Garrison Keillor, Grease, The Wizard of Oz and the Montana debut of Riverdance.

Season tickets will go on sale to the general public on Friday, August 20 at 10:00 a.m. and can be purchased by calling the toll-free subscription hotline at (800) 808-5940, visiting the Bobcat Ticket Office between 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday or visiting [www.ticketswest.com](http://www.ticketswest.com). If available after all renewing series and new series subscribers are seated, single tickets for individual shows will go on sale approximately four weeks prior to each engagement.

Season tickets range from \$109 - \$180 and are available in two packages, the Best of Broadway Package (all four shows) and Classic Broadway (Garrison Keillor, Grease and The Wizard of Oz).

### **An Evening With Garrison Keillor**

**Sponsored by Harrington Pepsi**

Thursday, October 14, 2010 – 7:30PM

The charming, witty, and always-entertaining writer and humorist Garrison Keillor is probably best known for his widely popular radio show *A Prairie Home Companion*. The show attracts more than two million listeners on more than 450 NPR stations weekly. Keillor is also a best-selling author of 12 books, including *Lake Wobegon Days*; *Love Me*; and *Homegrown Democrat*.

Most recently, Keillor can be seen in the film adaptation of *A Prairie Home Companion*. The film, directed by Robert Altman and with a cast including Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Kline, and Keillor himself, was received with critical acclaim. The film has renewed interest in the radio show, and Keillor remains one of the most popular American storytellers of all time.

True to his radio form, Keillor delivers hilarious anecdotes about growing up in the American Midwest and the aging process, not to mention “late-life fatherhood.” With a wonderful, dry sense of humor, he captivates audiences and delivers with class, charisma, and wisdom.

## **Grease**

**Sponsored by American Land Title Company**

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 – 7:30PM

The new production of **GREASE™** features songs from the smash hit 1978 motion picture, including “**Sandy,**” the Academy Award nominated song “**Hopelessly Devoted to You,**” “**Grease**” and “**You’re the One That I Want**” - both of which were #1 hits on the Billboard Top 100 list. These songs will be heard in addition to the **Jacobs/Casey** songs made famous by the original stage production such as “**Summer Nights,**” “**Greased Lightnin’**” and “**We Go Together.**”

**GREASE™** originated in Chicago and made its premiere at The Kingston Mines Theater in 1971 before making its New York premiere off-Broadway at the Eden Theatre on February 14, 1972. After 128 sold-out performances, the show made the transition to Broadway taking up residence at the Broadhurst Theatre on June 7, 1972. **GREASE™** was nominated for seven Tony Awards in its spectacular initial run. On November 21, 1972, the show moved to the Royale Theatre before making its final transfer on January 20, 1980 to the Majestic Theatre. It closed as the longest running show in Broadway history after playing **3,388** performances.

In 1978, **GREASE™** became a hugely popular feature film starring **John Travolta** and **Olivia Newton-John** in the lead roles. A Broadway revival opened on May 11, 1994 at the Eugene O’Neill Theatre where it played 1,503 performances and won three Tony Award nominations. The new Broadway production of **GREASE™** opened on August 19, 2007 and was nominated for a 2008 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

## **The Wizard Of Oz**

**Sponsored by State Farm Insurance**

Sunday, December 5, 2010 – 7:00PM

The greatest family musical of all time, **THE WIZARD OF OZ**, is based on the Royal Shakespeare Company’s celebration of the 1939 MGM movie and is presented with breathtaking special effects that will sweep audiences away, from the moment the tornado twists its way into Kansas.

Director Nigel West, choreographer Leigh Constantine and set and costume designer Tim McQuillen-Wright utilize the glamour and elegance of art deco Hollywood as the visually stunning technicolor backdrop for **THE WIZARD OF OZ**. Dorothy, Toto and their friends the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow are transported “Over the Rainbow” to adventures in Munchkin Land, the Haunted Forest and the Emerald City.

Featuring the classic songs, as composed by Harold Arlen, “Over the Rainbow,” “Ding Dong the Witch is Dead” and “If I Only Had A Brain,” along with the beloved characters, **THE WIZARD OF**

**OZ** will have the entire family captivated as they travel down the yellow brick road for an unforgettable evening at the theater.

## **Riverdance**

### **Sponsored by Harrington Pepsi**

Thursday, May 17, 2011 – 7:30PM

Few shows have touched audiences like ***Riverdance***. A celebration of Irish music, song and dance, the show focuses on the evolution of Irish dance and its similarities with, and influences on, other cultures. The phenomenon of ***Riverdance*** draws on Irish traditions and combines the richness of the music with the magic and sensuality of the dance.

***Riverdance*** was originally conceived as a spectacular seven-minute intermission entertainment for the 1994 Eurovision Song Contest televised throughout Europe to an audience of over 300 million viewers. Following the success of that performance, producer Moya Doherty, composer Bill Whelan, and director John McColgan, expanded the piece into a full-length stage production.

***Riverdance*** had its world premiere at the Point Theatre, Dublin, in February, 1995, where it opened to unanimous critical acclaim. The show has taken the world by storm and to date, over 22 million people world-wide have seen ***Riverdance*** live. In addition, 10 million people have purchased video versions of the show, making it one of the best-selling entertainment videos in the world.

Bill Whelan won the 1997 Grammy Award for “Best Musical Show Album” for his original music and lyrics for ***Riverdance***. This extraordinarily unique show, which features an international company, has touched the hearts of millions around the world.

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