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Raue Center announces 'balanced' season lineup

CRYSTAL LAKE – The performers coming to the Raue Center for the Arts this season include a mix of celebrities, fan favorites, and local groups.

Officials for the nonprofit arts organization unveiled the 2011-12 season lineup at an event Thursday night.

Highlights include comedians Bob Saget and Larry Miller and musical acts such as Blues Traveler, American English, One Night of Queen, and the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra.

"We're very excited," Raue Center Executive Director Richard Kuranda told the Northwest Herald. "We've got a really balanced presentation of different art forms."

Saget's performance in particular has created much buzz around town.

Kuranda said the Raue Center had been hoping to work with the actor and stand-up comedian for several years. Saget will be performing at the Raue on Nov. 5.

New this season is the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, which will run from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. It will feature a Sept. 25 performance by Tito Puente Jr. and other events. And thanks to an anonymous art collector, the Raue will host "Hispanic Heritage – Painting with Passion" showing works by Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, among others.

In addition to big names, the Raue Center will have shows with The Crystal Lake Strikers' All Star Drum Line and other local talent.

And the Williams Street Repertory, a local production company, will develop, produce and perform works at the Raue Center, Kuranda said.

Ticket packages are on sale and single tickets will go on sale Aug. 29. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rauecenter.org or by calling the box office at 815-356-9212.

The complete season lineup and ticket prices can be found at www.rauecenter.org.

Raue Center season highlights

Highlights from the Raue Center for the Arts' upcoming season:

Bob Saget

When: 8 p.m. Nov. 5,

Tickets: \$65, \$62, \$59

Cocktails with Larry Miller

When: 8 p.m. Nov. 26

Tickets: \$48, \$45, \$42

Northwest Indiana
Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops Concert

When: 8 p.m. Dec. 9

Tickets: \$46, \$43, \$40

American English

When: 7:30 p.m. March 3, 2012

Tickets: \$40, \$37, \$34

One Night of Queen

When: 8 p.m. March 17, 2012

Tickets: \$65, \$62, \$59

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