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Raue Center has full house with Bob Saget, Blues Traveler

From Blues Traveler to comedian Bob Saget, the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake is name-dropping.

The center offered a sneak peek at its upcoming season Thursday, asking that the community make note of its "Unveiling Party," scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 18. At the party, a more extensive schedule of the season will be presented.

"It's going to be a great season, a season that's not only going to spark everyone's imagination, but a season that's also affordable," Center Executive Director Richard Kuranda said.

Along with the two mentioned above, upcoming shows include Tito Puente, Jr., the Rocky Horror Show as presented by Williams Street Repertory, The Nutcracker, American English and more.

Four events between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Kuranda said. These include a new ballet form the Judith Svalander School of Ballet and a cullinary event.

"We're really pleased to explore this part of our community," Kuranda said. "It's who we are and we're very proud of that."

With maintenance work already underway, those at the center eagerly have been preparing for the upcoming season, he said.

For the first time, the Stargazer Ball, an annual black-tie ball fundraiser for the Raue, will take place at the theater and is scheduled for Sept. 23.

"We're really proud. We're right in the backyard of the community, and we offer great world-class entertainment," Kuranda said.

For information on the Raue, visit www.rauecenter.org or call 815-356-9212.

Among the shows the Raue Center announced Thursday include:

Blues Traveler - Aug. 21 (Tickets on sale now.)

Tito Puente, Jr.- Sept. 17

"The Rocky Horror Show" - Oct. 20-23 & 27-30

Bob Saget (18-and-older) - Nov. 5

The Nutcracker (presented by Berkshire Ballet Theatre) - Dec. 17-18

American English - March 3, 2012

Clifford The Big Red Dog-LIVE! - March 13, 2012

Run to the Capulets; Raise up the Montagues (presented by Williams Street Repertory) - April 21

3 Blonde Moms - May 12

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