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Raue lines up 'wonderful variety' for '06-07 season

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CRYSTAL LAKE - Big names in comedy, music and sci-fi TV headline the 2006-07 season at the **Raue** Center for the Arts. Residents will laugh with George Carlin at two adult shows Nov. 10 and Lily Tomlin on May 13. They can listen to The Beatles hits by American English in March, and Trekkies will enjoy watching Leonard Nimoy on Jan. 13.

Scheduling acts is a lengthy process that started for this season in September, **Raue** Center Assistant Director Holly Richard said.

"We just put [the schedule] to bed last Friday," she said. "We look for **variety**. We look for what will appeal to a wide **variety** of audiences."

Nancy Johnson, 75, of Crystal Lake attended Thursday's New Season Kickoff Party. Johnson said she bought tickets and worked as an usher at the theater.

"It's a **wonderful variety**," she said.

Elinor Dygert, 81, of Crystal Lake thought all the shows sounded interesting.

"This is a really great season," she said.

The music acts range from the swinging sounds of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy to the New Orleans style of Balfa Toujours to a cappella group Naturally Seven.

Shows for children include "Charlotte's Web," "Seussical" and "Alexander & amp; The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day."

Celebrate the holidays in December with Pat Boone's Christmas, the

Northwest Indiana Symphony, Broadway's Spirit of Christmas, A Christmas Carol, and The Buckinghams Christmas show.

Eric Roehl, 59, and his wife, Kathy Roehl, 58, of Prairie Grove looked through the **Raue** Center's brochure after the kickoff party to decide which shows to attend. Eric Roehl said they went to three to five shows a year.

"We've enjoyed the shows we've come to," he said.

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ACTS FOR THE **RAUE** CENTER FOR THE ARTS 2006-07 SEASON

For ticket information, call the **Raue** Center box office at (815) 356-9212.

Sept. 22: Thomas Jefferson: Becoming Jefferson's People

Sept. 23: Teddy Roosevelt: Rough Rider Round **Up**

Sept. 24: Ed McMahon

Sept. 30: Train of Love: The Ultimate Johnny Cash Tribute (two shows)

Oct. 5: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Oct. 6: The Smithereens

Oct. 13: Sarakasi

Oct. 21: Don McLean

Oct. 27: Drum

Nov. 10: George Carlin (two shows)

Nov. 11: Charlotte's Web

Nov. 16: Gaelic Storm

Nov. 18: Lovell Sisters Band

Nov. 25: Second City: Truth, Justice or the American Way (two shows)

Dec. 2: Pat Boone's Christmas (two shows)

Dec. 8: Northwest Indiana Symphony

Dec. 9: Broadway's Spirit of Christmas (two shows)

Dec. 15: A Christmas Carol

Dec. 16: The Buckingham

Jan. 13: Leonard Nimoy

Jan. 20: Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Feb. 10: Seussical

Feb. 14: Adam James: A Toast to Ol' Blue Eyes (two shows)

Feb. 15: Paula Poundstone

Feb. 17: I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change! (two shows)

March 2: Leahy

March 3: Jim Brickman

March 10: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe musical

March 16: American English: All Three Eras of Beatlemania

March 17: American English: Hard Days Night & Abbey Road

April 14: Naturally Seven

April 20: Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio

April 27: Three Blonde Moms

May 4-5: The Gin Game

May 12: Balfa Toujours

May 13: Lily Tomlin

May 19: Tequila Sunrise (two shows)

Spring 2007: Mystery guest to be announced this fall

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