


COMPANY'S COMING... AND YOU'RE INVITED!

THE ALL-AMERICAN BOYS CHORUS
Special pre-show dinner option available

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001 8 PM
A red, white & blue spectacular salute to America
www.allamericanboyschorus.org

HONKY-TONK ANGELS

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2001 8 PM
The country music musical loaded with Nashville hits
www.springroperhouse.org

THE NUTCRACKER

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001 8 PM
A narrated highlights version of the timeless holiday classic

RIDERS IN THE SKY
Special pre-show dinner option available

Friday, Nov. 30, 2001 8 PM
A great kick-off to the holiday season -- The Cowboy season
www.ridersinthesky.com

MAHALIA: A GOSPEL MUSICAL

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002 8 PM
The musical about the most admired Gospel singer of all time
www.enccoratracts.com

AN ENCHANTED EVENING
Special pre-show dinner option available


Friday, Feb. 15, 2002 8 PM
A gorgeous salute to six decades of great Broadway hits
www.lmmusic.com


THE SPENCERS: THEATRE OF ILLUSION

Saturday, March 9, 2002 8 PM
Magic, spectacle & amazement with the "Modern Day Houdinis"
www.spencersmagtc.com

EMILE PANDOLEI IN CONCERT
Special pre-show dinner option available

Saturday, April 13, 2002 8 PM
Back by popular demand, a favorite across the nation
www.emilepandolei.com

COMEDY PET THEATRE

Tuesday, Apr. 16, 2002 8 PM
An unbelievable circus of cats & dogs for the entire family
www.pettheatre.com

THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA

Thursday, May 9, 2002 8 PM
The most popular Big Band of all time
www.glenmillerorchestra.com

PLUS A SPECIAL BENEFIT EVENT FOR OUR CLASS ACTS SERIES...

DOWN HOME COUNTRY
Special fundraising benefit performance

Friday, Aug. 17, 2001 8 PM
Great music, great fun -- all for a great cause!

Sampson County is becoming the envy of our neighbors — and with good reason. Coming attractions for Sampson CenterStage 2001-02 are a top-of-the-line, king-of-the-hill, cream-of-the-crop feast of some of the finest professional touring performing arts events in the country.

No one knows how to put out a bigger welcome mat than the folks in Sampson County — so mark your calendars for nights to remember as our curtain goes up on a season to please every palate. We're even serving dinner now & then — so don't miss out on your opportunity for reserved seats for a real night on the town.

Company's coming — and the view at Sampson CenterStage couldn't be better!

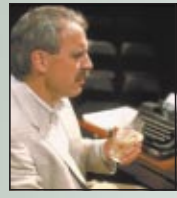


NEW THIS YEAR: CLASS ACTS FOR STUDENTS!

We are pleased to announce an exciting new program in partnership with our public schools. Each year, students in grades 2, 5, 8 & 11 will travel to Sampson Center for special daytime performances designed especially for them, programmed in cooperation with local education leaders. This new series is a public service of Sampson CenterStage and its sponsors. During 2001-2002, local students will enjoy all of the following quality events — Class Acts, for sure!



Mon., Sept. 17, 8th grade students:
THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN DANCE ENSEMBLE
One of the nation's most renowned cultural treasures



Tues., Nov. 6, 11th grade students:
OH, MR. FAULKNER, DO YOU WRITE?
John Maxwell appears in his acclaimed one-man drama about one of America's favorite authors



Thur., Nov. 15, 5th grade students:
THE NUTCRACKER
The holiday classic presented in a special school performance preceding the season series evening event



Tues., April 16, 2nd grade students:
COMEDY PET THEATRE
An indoor circus of lovable, shelter-rescued trained housecats, dogs & more comes to Sampson CenterStage!

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DOWN HOME COUNTRY

A fundraising benefit for "Class Acts — the Sampson CenterStage Series for Students"
Friday, August 17, 2001 at 8 PM

It's time to clap your hands and stomp your feet to welcome one of the Southeast's most energetic celebrations of humor and country music. Ten of eastern NC's most well-loved home-grown entertainers bring their newest "Down Home Country" stage show to Sampson CenterStage in benefit for our new school series "Class Acts." It's a one-performance-only opportunity to enjoy the antics of "Roadkill Rufus" and the hit-making harmonies of the "Discic Hicks" as a roster of Tar Heels put their country, gospel and comedic talents on display — for a great cause. Sampson CenterStage "Class Acts" will present four professional performances for Sampson County public school students during the coming year, and this off-season benefit performance will help fund this exciting new endeavor.

THE ALL-AMERICAN BOYS' CHORUS*

Saturday, September 15 at 8 PM
One of the most acclaimed and widely-traveled choirs in the world! This 32-voice boys chorus has performed all over the globe with such stars as Bob Hope, Tony Bennett, Steve Allen, Henry Kissinger and Melissa Manchester and for dignitaries including Margaret Thatcher, Henry Kissinger, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and Gen. Colin Powell, Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush. Their repertoire spans the gamut of the American musical songbook ranging from George M. Cohan to Duke Ellington, John Philip Sousa, toe-tapping country, college fight songs and more. The group's moving patriotic finale is a spine-tingling celebration of American heritage and freedom. Founded in 1970, with all choir members 8-to-15 years-old, the All-American Boys Chorus represents a broad spectrum of faiths, races and nationalities. Join us as Sampson County shows these talented young men just how "real" Southern Hospitality can be!



HONKY TONK ANGELS

Saturday, October 13 at 8 PM
Follow the adventures of three star-struck gal singers as they pursue their dreams of country music fame and fortune. Nashville, TN is the setting for this power-packed, entertaining musical featuring more than thirty all-time hits made famous by the most acclaimed female country music legends of our time. Song after song, you'll recall the careers of such chart-topping stars as Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette and Dolly Parton with performances of such classics as "Stand By Your Man," "Coal Miner's Daughter," "Nine to Five," "Harper Valley P.T.A.," "I Will Always Love You," "Delta Dawn" and more. "Honky Tonk Angels" comes from the creators of the popular musical "Always Patsy Cline" and we guarantee that you'll be more than just "Almost Persuaded" that you're smack dab in the middle of Music City USA by the time the curtain comes down!

THE NUTCRACKER

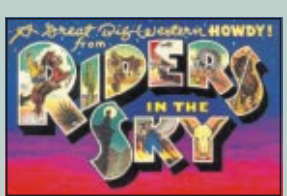
Thursday, November 15 at 8 PM
In this special one-hour narrated adaptation of the favorite timeless holiday classic, we welcome fourteen dancers from the widely-acclaimed Ballet for Young Audiences in New York presenting highlights from one of the most popular ballets of all time. "The Nutcracker" was first presented in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1891. The musical score, composed by Peter Tchaikovsky, was commissioned by the Imperial Ballet, based on the story written by German writer E.T.A. Hoffman. In this synopsized version, you will meet young Clara, Herr Drosselmeyer, the Mouse King, the Sugar Plum Fairy and many other characters as they come to life in a production that will also feature selected local young dancers. A wonderful opportunity to share this delectable holiday treat with the entire family.



RIDERS IN THE SKY*

Friday, November 30 at 8 PM

If there's a performance where audiences have a better time than when they're with Riders In The Sky, then somebody find us a ticket! This Grammy-winning trio whose harmonies recount the musical legend of the American Cowboy is 500% fun! Riders in the Sky has become an American institution over the past two decades with more than 200 national TV appearances, 4,000 concerts, their own NPR Riders Radio Theatre on more than 170 public radio stations in the US — and last year — gaining a whole new audience with their music for Disney's film hit *Toy Story 2*. Ranger Doug, lead singer and baritone, is an unmatched yodeler and considered one of the world's leading authorities on western music. Too Slim, on upright bass, sings lead and harmony and says he's only one-third of the most over-educated act in show business (all have graduate degrees in their fields). Woody Paul, King of the Cowboy Fiddlers, sings lead and tenor. A former fiddler for Roy Acuff, Woody holds a Ph.D in physics from MIT. Joy the Cow Polka King, who's played with everyone from U2 to Roy Rogers, plays accordion and produces most of the group's albums. When the Riders come to town with their wildly-popular Christmas show, it's a Great Big Western Howdy-and-Happy-Holidays! This show will become the hottest holiday ticket of the season. Saddle up in a hurry and don't wait!



MAHALIA: A GOSPEL MUSICAL

Saturday, January 26, 2002 at 8 PM
Mahalia is an unequalled success. Now on national tour, this powerful musical tells the story of one of the greatest women of the 20th century. Mahalia Jackson was — and remains — the most famous gospel singer of all time. She was born into poverty in New Orleans and was making command performances before kings, queens and presidents before her death. The musical celebrates one woman's triumph against incredible odds, and shares her message of hope with a universal audience. This is a show one feels "in his bones" while almost two dozen of Mahalia's great gospel hits are being re-created on stage. Mahalia Jackson was a woman of unshakable faith, great humor, and a larger-than-life intensity that makes this moving tribute truly unforgettable and an audience hit wherever it plays. "When an event begins with a prayer, continues with laughter and ends with audience members on their feet, you come away feeling you've had something close to the spiritual experience — and a funny one at that." *Lexington Herald*

AN ENCHANTED EVENING*

Friday, February 15 at 8 PM
When you team two great voices with a repertoire of Broadway's biggest hits adored the whole world over, the title "An Enchanted Evening" becomes an understatement! For a memorable Valentine's celebration, we welcome the extraordinarily talented Lee Lessack and Joanne O'Brien with a thrilling night of music from Broadway — from the enduring standards of Rodgers and Hammerstein to the new classics by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The music of Sondheim, Gershwin, Porter, Berlin and many more provide a rich experience for anyone who enjoys musical theatre. You'll hear hits from a legion of world-famous shows including "South Pacific," "West Side Story," "The King and I," "Guys & Dolls," "Annie," "Les Miserables," "Showboat," "Hello Dolly," "Cats," "Evita" and more. Those who act quickly can even get dibs on our romantic pre-show candlelight dinner, too!

THE SPENCERS

Saturday, March 9 at 8 PM
If you can't believe your eyes, you're in the right place! The Spencers are accustomed to being called "modern-day Houdinis" — and their impressive performance of magical theatre has received numerous awards nationally, including six years in a row being named "Performing Artists Entertainers of the Year." (The only other magician to hold this title is David Copperfield.) Combining theatrical elements with music, humor, audience participation and cutting-edge illusions, the Spencers deliver a family-friendly, positive performance on grand scale. Audience members always become part of the magicians' events, and no illusionists appear to bring more amazement and total joy to their volunteers than the Spencers. The Spencers are "light years from the cliché schtick of magicians of days gone by... high tech and fascinating." *St. Petersburg Times*



A NIGHT WITH EMILE PANDOLFI*

Saturday, April 13 at 8 PM

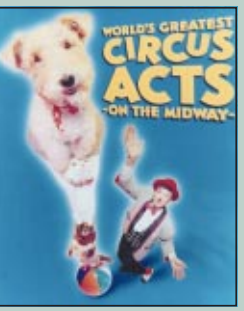
"Back by popular demand" is no exaggeration when it comes to the response this renowned pianist generated on his first visit to Sampson CenterStage in its inaugural season. Whenever he performs, you'll always find audience members who have driven hundreds of miles to enjoy his rich piano arrangements of classical standards and popular Broadway melodies. An Emile Pandolfi performance is far more than a piano "recital." This former stand-up comedian and talented magician brings a remarkable showmanship to his art, and his rapidly mushrooming fan base is testament to his awe-inspiring talent and ability to connect with his audience, regardless of their age, background or musical tastes. Pandolfi's humor and self-effacing delivery are as magnetic as his delectable performances of the world's most popular melodies. Since 1991, he has released 18 solo piano albums, with sales now exceeding two million, making him the top-selling artist in the alternative music industry. Emile Pandolfi is an audience's "entertainer," an artist whose talent is vibrantly alive and whose generosity on stage is honest, real and totally engaging. His charisma creates lifelong fans — and friends.



COMEDY PET THEATRE

Tuesday, April 16 at 8 PM

You have to see it to believe it, Jay Leno calls this the funniest circus act he's ever witnessed. The *NY Times* calls Gregory Popovitch "the Baryshnikov of juggling." He is the former star of the Russian circus who immigrated to the US and established his "Cats Skills" comedy pet theatre, a Vegas-style indoor circus act featuring sixteen trained housecats and eight dogs (all rescued from animal shelters), plus eight white doves and a few other talented stars (including three people!) along for the ride. Popovitch is a world-renowned circus veteran — the first Russian artist to perform in center ring with Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth. His adorable housecats perform feats you won't believe — and it's all great fun for everyone in the family, regardless of age or favorite family pet! After the show, the kitties will even come to the lobby to "stamp" their autographs for eager fans. This event will be featured in an extensive statewide tour organized through the NC Presenters Consortium, with performances at more than a dozen venues from the mountains to the coast. Center ring comes to CenterStage for a night you'll likely find to be purr-fect.



THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA

Thursday, May 9 at 8 PM

It's been more than 50 years since the public first embraced the Glenn Miller sound, but the legend and music live on. The Miller Orchestra is the most sought-after big band in the world today for both concert and dance band engagements. It is still considered by the majority of Americans to be "the greatest band in the world." Glenn Miller's orchestra dominated the airwaves in the early 40s. His hits, including "In The Mood," " Chattanooga Moon Choo," "String of Pearls," "Tuxedo Junction" and "Climax Serenade" were universal favorites. On December 15, 1944, Mjr. Glenn Miller took off in an old single engine plane to precede his Army Air Force Band to Paris for an engagement. The weather was forbidding. Miller remarked to his pilot, "Maybe we ought to call this off." The flight officer jokingly replied, "What, do you want to live forever?" Miller's plane disappeared in the storm over the English Channel. After the release in 1956 of the film "The Glenn Miller Story" starring Jimmy Stewart and June Allyson, the band was reconstituted by the Miller Estate, and has played more than 300 dates a year since that time.



* Limited seating pre-show dinner option available

FRIENDS OF SAMPSON CENTERSTAGE

Presenting a successful performing arts series is accomplished through the commitment and financial support of many individuals, businesses, corporations and agencies. You can join the effort to bring the arts to Sampson County by becoming a Friend of Sampson CenterStage. Your financial contribution will insure the success of our series and as a Friend of Sampson CenterStage you will be entitled to special benefits, as listed. You may become a Friend of Sampson CenterStage beginning June 18, 2001.

Please print or type all information clearly, make photocopies if desired. **If ordering by mail, return to:** Sampson CenterStage Series, Post Office Box 1083, Clinton, NC 28329. **Credit card orders may be faxed to** (910) 592-8486. **To order by telephone,** call (910) 592-6451. **Box Office is open** 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday. An enlarged version of this form may be obtained by mail or fax, call (910) 592-6451. **Make checks payable to:** Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center.

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Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

SPONSORS, PATRONS & FRIENDS

Yes, I would like to become a Friend of Sampson CenterStage and receive the tickets and benefits associated with this level of support by contributing at the following level:

- Platinum Sponsor \$10,000
- Gold Sponsor \$5,000
- Silver Sponsor \$2,500
- Bronze Patron \$1,000
- Grand Patron \$500
- Patron \$300
- Supporter \$150
- Friend \$50
- Ticket Sponsor \$1500

Tickets available to all Friend, Patron and Sponsor levels beginning June 18, 2001. You get your seats first!

SEASON TICKETS

Season Tickets will be offered beginning July 17, 2001. Ten performances at one great price!

Type	Sampson Circle Table Seating	Orchestra A & B Seating	Gallery Seating	# Tickets	Total
Individual	\$159.00	\$129.00	\$99.00		
Reserved Table of 8	\$1,200.00	N/A	N/A	8	
Subtotal (enter at bottom of form)					

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE TICKETS

Individual Performance Tickets will be offered beginning August 13, 2001 on a best-seat-available basis.

Day	Date	Time	Event	# Tickets	Sampson Circle Table Seating	Orchestra Seating	Gallery Seating	Total
Fri.	Aug. 17	8:00	Down Home Country *		\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	
Sat.	Sept. 15	8:00	All-American Boys Chorus [§]		\$25.00	\$20.00	\$14.00	
Sat.	Oct. 13	8:00	Honky Tonk Angels		\$22.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	
Thur.	Nov. 15	7:30	The Nutcracker		\$16.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	
Fri.	Nov. 30	8:00	Christmas w/ Riders in the Sky [§]		\$25.00	\$20.00	\$14.00	
Sat.	Jan. 26	8:00	Mahalia: A Gospel Musical		\$22.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	
Fri.	Feb. 15	8:00	An Enchanted Evening [§]		\$22.00	\$18.00	\$12.00	
Sat.	Mar. 9	8:00	The Spencers		\$22.00	\$18.00	\$14.00	
Sat.	Apr. 13	8:00	Emile Pandolfi [§]		\$22.00	\$18.00	\$14.00	
Tues.	Apr. 16	8:00	Comedy Pet Theatre		\$16.00	\$12.00	\$8.00	
Thur.	May 9	8:00	The Glenn Miller Orchestra		\$25.00	\$20.00	\$14.00	

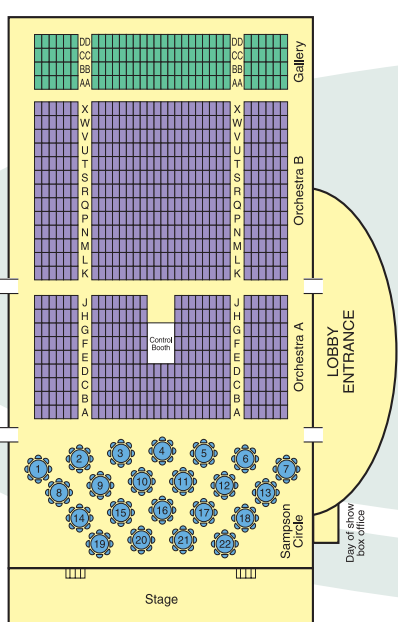
(* Not part of season — special benefit performance) (§ Denotes special pre-show dinner option available)

Special needs: I require wheelchair locations

The Sampson CenterStage Series accepts the following methods of payment: cash, company check, personal check, Visa and Mastercard for individual and season ticket sales. Individual and Season Tickets purchased by mail or by telephone are subject to a \$3.00 processing fee per order for postage and handling. All ticket orders received within a week of performance date will be held for pickup at box office. Please make checks payable to: Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center, PO Box 1083, Clinton, NC 28329.

Sponsorship Subtotal → _____
or Season Ticket Subtotal → _____
or Ind. Perform. Subtotal → _____
Handling Fee → **\$3.00**
Total Enclosed → _____

SEATING PLAN



General Information

Box Office: The Sampson CenterStage advance sale box office is located in the administrative wing of the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center, 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC. The day-of-show box office is located at the lobby of Prestage Hall. Advance sale box office is open 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, Mon. — Fri. The day-of-show box office is open 8 am until showtime. The Sampson CenterStage Series accepts the following methods of payment: cash, company check, personal check, Visa and Mastercard. All tickets purchased by mail or telephone are subject to a \$3.00 processing fee per order for postage and handling. Make checks payable to Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center. For more information, please call (910) 592-6451.

Group Rates: Group rates are available; please call for additional information. Group rates will only apply to groups of 15 or more to a single event.

Cameras, Recording Devices & Cell Phones: Absolutely NO cameras or recording devices will be permitted at any performance. U.S. copyright laws prohibit flash photography, cameras and recording devices. Use of cellular phones in the main auditorium during performances is strictly prohibited.

Concessions: Snacks and beverages are available prior to the show and during intermission at most performances. In most circumstances, no food or beverages are permitted in the theatre. For certain events, however, service may be offered to season ticket holders seated at tables in the Sampson Circle.

Seating: All seats reserved. It is the policy of Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center to open the house 30 min. before curtain. In some cases, technical considerations may delay opening.

Refund and Exchanges: All ticket sales are final. Refunds will only be given if performance is cancelled. In the event a performance is cancelled, ticket holders are required to return their ticket to the box office within 30 days of the cancelled show in order to receive a refund. All refunds will be delivered by check by mail.

Children: A ticket is required for everyone entering the theatre. As a courtesy to audience members and artists, please use discretion in choosing to bring an infant or young child, unless the show is specifically designed for young audiences.

Entrance: The main entrance to Prestage Hall is the only entrance to be utilized by ticket holders for a Sampson CenterStage Series performance. The main entrance is located on the west side of the facility.

House Courtesies: Ticket holders arriving late will be asked to wait in the lobby until they can be seated at an appropriate time in the performance and in the closest available seats. All performances will begin promptly at the designated show time. All patrons are encouraged to arrive a minimum of 15 minutes prior to show time.

Parking: Free parking is available on the west, south and east sides of the facility. There is ample parking for patrons with disabilities.

For Patrons with Physical Challenges: Wheelchair locations are available. When ordering tickets please notify the box office staff concerning any special needs.

Join us for our pre-show Diners' Club
Sampson CenterStage Diners' Club will feature four exquisite buffet dinners prior to the performances on Sept. 15, Nov. 30, Feb. 15 and April 13. Pre-show dinners are served in Heritage Hall, after which diners are conveniently escorted directly to their reserved seats for the evening's performance. Diners' Club capacity is limited to 250, with all dinner seating advance-reserved at \$20 per person per event. Diners' Club tickets may be purchased at the same time as your performance tickets. Diners' Club tickets will go on sale June 18 for Friends, sponsors and patrons, and will be available from July 18 for non-sponsor season-ticket buyers. Diners' Club tickets are non-refundable, but may be transferred to friends and guests. Don't wait too long to make your Sampson CenterStage Diners' Club plans. Dinner seating is expected to fill quickly!

BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP

Friends of Sampson CenterStage

Platinum Sponsor \$10,000

Reserved prime "Sampson Circle" table seating for eight (\$1,736 value) for all 10 events of the season! • One full-page advertisement in the Sampson CenterStage official season payroll (\$1000 value) • Special full-page article highlighting sponsorship • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • Special plaque of recognition • Dinner for eight at four Sampson CenterStage pre-show dinners (\$640 value) • One complimentary use of the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center (\$900 value)

Gold Sponsor \$5,000

Reserved prime "Sampson Circle" table seating for eight (\$1,736 value) for all 10 events of the season! • One full-page advertisement in the Sampson CenterStage official season payroll (\$1000 value) • Special half-page article highlighting sponsorship • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • Special plaque of recognition • Dinner for eight at four Sampson CenterStage pre-show dinners (\$640 value) • One complimentary use of Heritage Hall in the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center (\$450 value)

Silver Sponsor \$2,500

Reserved prime "Sampson Circle" table seating for eight (\$1,736 value) for all 10 events of the season! • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • Special plaque of recognition • Dinner for eight at two Sampson CenterStage pre-show dinners (\$320 value)

Bronze Patron \$1,000

Reserved prime "Sampson Circle" table seating for four (\$868 value) for all 10 events of the season! • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • Framed certificate of appreciation • Dinner for four at two Sampson CenterStage pre-show dinners (\$160 value)

Grand Patron \$500

Prime reserved seating for two in the orchestra section (\$348 value) for all 10 events of the season! • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • Framed certificate of appreciation • Dinner for two at two Sampson CenterStage pre-show dinners (\$80 value)

Patron \$300

Prime reserved seating for two in the orchestra section for all 10 events of the season! • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • Certificate of appreciation

Supporters \$150

Prime reserved seating for one in the orchestra section for all 10 events of the season! • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • Certificate of appreciation

Friends \$50

Listing in Sampson CenterStage official season payroll • 10% discount on two ticket purchases per show

Ticket Sponsor \$1500

Business name or logo printed on back of every ticket (approximately 14,820 tickets) • Tickets for four to the performance of your choice! • Listing in Sampson CenterStage official payroll • Framed certificate of appreciation

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