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The Springfield Municipal Opera announces 2012 show season

Springfield, IL – December 16, 2011 – Today, the Springfield Municipal Opera (The Muni) announced details for its 2012 summer season including selected productions, season tickets and changes in ticket pricing. “This season is exciting because it offers something for everyone,” said Muni President, John Baker. The Muni will present *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, sponsored by Paul Palazzolo, June 8-10 and 13-17; *Crazy For You*, sponsored by Springfield Clinic, June 29 – July 1 and 5-8; *Once On This Island* July 20-22 and 25-29; and *Disney’s Beauty And The Beast*, sponsored by McGladrey, August 10-12 and 15-19. The Muni has been entertaining Springfield area audiences at its outdoor amphitheater located at 815 East Lake Drive for more than 60 years and has become a local summer tradition.

Just in time for last minute Christmas gifts, The Muni 2012 season passes are on sale now for pickup at various locations throughout the Springfield area. Patrons may also purchase season passes by calling (217) 793-MUNI for mail delivery. For a full list of season pass retailers, please visit The Muni’s website at www.TheMuni.org.

Also announced today were ticket price changes for 2012. “We were reluctant to increase our prices,” said Baker, “but given the increased costs of productions and site maintenance, we had to decide between a modest price increase and scaling back productions. Production quality is a hallmark of the Muni tradition and we ultimately decided that a slight price increase was the necessary option.” This will be The Muni’s first ticket price increase in more than 5 years. Baker points out that The Muni will continue to be the best entertainment value in the area.

Reserved seating tickets are now \$14 with a new option for Seniors/Military patrons of \$12. General admission tickets (lawn seating) are now \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors/military/students, and \$6 for children (3-12) with ages 2 and under remaining free. Season passes have increased to \$48.

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The Muni will continue to offer “Family Nights” which are designated as the first Wednesday night performance of each show’s run. Admission for children under 12 is half price on “Family Nights” with the purchase of a full price general admission ticket.

About The Muni

The Springfield Municipal Opera (The Muni) is a not-for-profit theatrical organization that has become a Springfield tradition, providing the best of Broadway to enthusiastic audiences for more than 60 years. Entertaining 40,000+ each year at its lakeside, outdoor amphitheater, The Muni is one of the largest all-volunteer community theatre organizations in the nation. For more information on The Muni, please visit www.TheMuni.org.

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