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KANSANS TO PERFORM IN KENNEDY CENTER
GRAND FOYER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 6:45 P.M.

WASHINGTON D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today announced the selection of the Kansas performing artists who will present "Kansas at the Kennedy Center," on Friday, February 16th, at 6:45 p.m. in the Grand Foyer of the Kennedy Center.

The ensemble of Kansas natives features prominent actors and singers performing works from various Broadway musicals. Led by Artistic Director, J. Kent Barnhart on the piano, the group will perform "Children Will Listen" from *Into the Woods* and "We need Heroes" from *Elegies*, as well as show tunes by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim and Cole Porter.

Mr. Barnhart has produced over 40 concerts and shows, and directed more than 20 shows. He also conducted music for the 1995 Inauguration of Kansas Governor Bill Graves.

Teri Adams is a native and resident of Overland Park, and graduate of Wichita State University.

Becky Barta is currently performing in the National Tour's production of *Les Miserables*, which is on a three-month engagement at the National Theater in Washington, D.C. She attended Baker University in Baldwin City and the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Kristi Mitchell, a resident of Overland Park, teaches music in the Leavenworth public schools and is choir director at the Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village. She also directed the children's choir that performed at the Inauguration of Kansas Governor Bill Graves. She was born in Emporia and attended Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Tim Noland, a native and resident of Shawnee Mission, performs throughout the country and abroad.

Kansas State Representative David Adkins, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Arts and Cultural Resources, is expected to serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The event is open to the public, free of charge.

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