



New season, new programs for Music Hall

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PORTSMOUTH | The Music Hall in Portsmouth has announced that tickets for the 2005-06 season will go on sale to the general public on Friday, July 15. Tickets may be purchased at the Music Hall box office, online, or over the phone.

"You'll find a season contemporary, inclusive, and classic, featuring internationally acclaimed artists, Grammy and Bessie winners, and a Broadway smash — simply put, some of the best performing artists touring today," says Executive Director Patricia Lynch.

The Music Hall line-up includes some of the Seacoast's favorite performers — Natalie MacMaster, Solas, and Aquila

Theatre Company — and also features artists new to the Seacoast including James Sewell Ballet, Maria Schneider's Jazz Orchestra, and Kronos Quartet. The new Kids RULE! series presents some of the most celebrated family performers and companies touring today.

The Music Hall has also announced the launch of two new trademark programs for 2005-06, expanding its commitment to quality and breadth of entertainment. The unique trademark programs — Intimately Yours and Writers on a New England Stage — will complement Telluride by the Sea and the new Wildcard Movies.

Intimately Yours features music legends and soon-to-be-

legends who normally play in larger venues, taking advantage of our intimate theater. Next year's line-up includes Nanci Griffith, among others.

Writers on a New England Stage is a great authors series produced in partnership with New Hampshire Public Radio and in collaboration with Portsmouth's independent RiverRun Bookstore. The literary evenings will be presented in a rollicking radio show format hosted by New Hampshire Public Radio's Front Porch host John Walters and award-winning house band, Dreadnaught. Pulitzer Prize winner Doris Kearns Goodwin will appear as part of the series in December 2005.

Intimately Yours and Writers

on a New England Stage performances will be announced and ticketed throughout the season.

"We urge our members to sign up for e-news alerts and read our monthly newsletter NOW@the Music Hall to stay up to the minute on happenings — just-announced shows, last-minute ticket discounts, social events. The season will be filled with new developments and we want to make sure our patrons don't miss out," says Lynch.

Tickets for scheduled 2005-06 shows are available at the Music Hall box office, located at 28 Chestnut Street in Portsmouth or by calling (603) 436-2400. Visit www.themusicall.org for the complete season line-up and brochure.



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