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## HERBERGER THEATER CENTER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

PHOENIX – The Herberger Theater Center is proud to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Built in 1989, the Herberger Theater Center was conceived as a pivotal piece in the redevelopment and revitalization of downtown Phoenix, and continues to support and foster the growth of the performing arts. The Herberger Theater Center has contributed to the cultural and educational development of the Valley with more than 3.1 million patrons, including 350,000 school-aged children, sharing this unique experience.

The first performance held at the Herberger Theater Center took place on July 19, 1989, Musical Theatre of Arizona's production of *A Party of One*. Over the years, many notable performers have appeared on the Herberger Theater's stages, including Gregory Peck, Lynn Redgrave, Rita Moreno, Nancy Dussalt, Rip Taylor and many more.

The Herberger Theater Center is the only Valley theater whose primary mission is to service other local, non-profit repertory performing arts companies. These companies make the Herberger Theater their home by using the theater to assemble sets, rehearse and stage performances, as well as relying on the Herberger Theater's technical, lighting and sound staff, box office, ushering and concession services. Our resident companies include Actors Theatre, Arizona Theatre Company and Center Dance Ensemble.

The 2009-10 season kicks-off on September 1, 2009 with an exciting slate of shows. From *The Kite Runner* by Arizona Theatre Company to *Boom* by Actors Theatre and Center Dance Ensemble's annual family-favorite, *Snow Queen*, this season has something for everyone.

The Herberger Theater Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support and foster the growth of the performing arts in Phoenix as the premier performance venue, arts incubator and advocate.

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