

NET Radio Hosting a "Friday Live" Special Event October 16

LINCOLN, Neb. (Oct. 8, 2009) -- NET Radio is kicking off its fall membership drive with a special three-hour "Friday Live" event on Friday morning, Oct. 16. The public is invited to the NET Radio studios (1800 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln) for free coffee, rolls and chat beginning at 8:30 a.m. CT, followed by the live broadcast of "Friday Live" at 9 a.m. CT. People are welcome to drop by for a short amount of time or stay all morning for great music and interesting talk about the arts across Nebraska.

Host William Stibor will follow his usual "Friday Live" format for the first hour of the broadcast, with several guests staying on to provide live music until noon CT. Maestro Ed Polochick from Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra (LSO) will preview upcoming LSO concerts as well as provide piano performances throughout the morning. LSO artists and other musicians will contribute music to the special event, including Clark Potter, viola; Diane Barger, clarinet; Mark Clinton, piano; Darryl White, trumpet; and a special surprise mystery guest.

U.S. Poet Laureate emeritus and Pulitzer Prize-winner Ted Kooser returns to "Friday Live" for a few readings from his new memoir. Ann Chang-Barnes will talk about the Lied Center's Arts Across Nebraska tour by the Rastrelli Cello Quartet. The Russian musicians will perform in Holdrege, Scottsbluff, Hastings and Omaha in October. They'll also be special guests on NET Radio's "The Verge" at 7 p.m. CT with host Genevieve Randall Sunday evening, Oct. 18. The musicians will perform live and talk about their upcoming concerts.

Nebraska native, University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumna and Academy Award-winning producer Donna Dewey is on hand to talk about her film that will be showing at the Ross Media Arts Center, and director Judy Hart and cast members will talk about her new production opening at the Lincoln Community Playhouse. Stibor will also talk to University of Nebraska at Omaha professor Michael Tate about his upcoming presentation at the Neihardt Center in Bancroft and preview arts events across Nebraska.

"It's going to be a fun event," says NET Radio Network Manager Nancy Finken. "We'd love to have anyone in the Lincoln and surrounding area drop by with their pledges, renewals or additional gifts or better yet, bring along a new member! If they're unable to join us in person, we hope they'll tune in all morning long."

"Friday Live" broadcasts weekly from The Mill coffee house in Lincoln's Haymarket District and occasionally from other locations in Lincoln and throughout Nebraska. Stibor produces the program with associate producer Dave Hughes.

NET Radio is a service of NET. For more information about NET Radio and "Friday Live" visit www.netNebraska.org/radio. To listen to NET Radio programming Webcast live, go to the Website and click on Radio, then Listen Now. All that is needed is access to the Internet and a free Windows Media Player program. Webcasting of NET Radio is a free service provided by NET.

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