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Peabody Opera House
St. Louis, Missouri
Saturday, January 14, 2012
6:30 p.m.



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Please join Tony La Russa and ARF on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the newly renovated Peabody Opera House in St. Louis, Missouri for ARF's 7th annual presentation of **Stars to the Rescue!**

As always, **Stars to the Rescue** promises a terrific line-up of entertainers. Scheduled to appear are **Tom Johnston**, **Luke Bryan** and **Timothy B. Schmit**. Other names will be added to the website as they are confirmed.



At the age of 12, **Tom Johnston** took up the guitar and joined his first band at 24. In 1969, after playing with a variety of bands, including rock, soul and blues, he and other soon-to-be members, formed the Doobie Brothers. Tom wrote "Listen to the Music," "China Grove," "Long Train Runnin'," "Rockin' Down the Highway," and many other tunes on successive Doobie albums. The band, now celebrating its 40th anniversary, has had many hits and is a viable force in music today. Johnston continues to perform and tour worldwide with the Doobie Brothers.



With his 2007 debut, "I'll Stay Me," **Luke Bryan** unapologetically shared his own brand of traditional country music with an ever-growing legion of fans. It's been a heady couple of years since Luke released this critically acclaimed first album, and not only has he scored top ten hits with "All My Friends Say" and "Country Man," but the singer-songwriter also won Music Row's Breakthrough Songwriter Award.

Luke scored two #1 hits from his second album, "Doin' My Thing" and was tapped an artist to watch by both Billboard and Country Weekly.

His most recent album, "Tailgates and Tanlines" reached #1 on the Country Charts in the US and Luke won two Academy of Country Music awards for Top New Solo Vocalist and Top New Artist of 2010.



Timothy B. Schmit is an American musician and songwriter, performing for decades as a session musician and solo artist. Best known for his work as bass guitar player and singer for the Eagles, Schmit joined the group in 1977 after the Hotel California tour.

On the album "The Long Run", Schmit co-wrote and sang lead on the song "I Can't Tell You Why". When the Eagles reunited in 1994, Schmit sang the lead vocal on "Love Will Keep Us Alive", on the reunion album "Hell Freezes Over". Schmit continues to be part of the Eagles lineup along with Glen Frey, Don Henley and Joe Walsh, and in 2007 released a new album with the group, "Long Road Out of Eden".



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Conductor, composer, orchestrator, record producer, Grammy and two-time Emmy Award-winner, **John McDaniel** was seen leading the band daily of *The Rosie O'Donnell Show* for its entire six-year run. He wrote the theme song and received the Emmy nominations for Outstanding Music Direction and Composition. On the show, he worked with artists such as Tony Bennett, Dick Van Dyke, Neil Diamond, Dolly Parton, Liza Minnelli, Barry Manilow, Chaka Kahn and Madonna.

He made his debut as a producer on Broadway with *Brooklyn, the Musical* in 2004. He also was the supervising Music Director, did the arrangements and orchestrations, and produced the top selling Live Cast recording. John created arrangements and orchestrations for the musical, *Happy Days*, with series creator Garry Marshall and composer Paul Williams.

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Broadway's **Christopher Jackson** has called one place home since 2002: Tony-winning hit musical *In the Heights*. A key player in the sweet story of one neighborhood family in the New York neighborhood of Washington Heights, Jackson originated the role of Benny in early readings, played the part (and met his wife) during its winter 2007 off-Broadway debut, jumped with the show when it took Broadway by storm in February 2008, toasted the production's Best Musical Tony Award win later that year and has since played through hundreds of performances, press events and special appearances. Winner of the 2007 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Ensemble Performance in *In the Heights*, Christopher Jackson has previously appeared in Disney's *The Lion King*.

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Singer/songwriter **Lara Johnston** is on the rise with her captivating, soulful voice and creative spirit. Influenced by Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Mick Jagger, and Beyonce, Lara has a vocal tone that is unlike any other and a fiery, dynamic stage presence to match. She has shared the bill with such acts as Willie Nelson, Tower of Power, Huey Lewis and the News, The Doobie Brothers, Journey, Heart, Sammy Hagar, and most recently, Leon Russell and Lynyrd Skynyrd. During the past two years, Lara has been writing and co-writing songs in LA, London, and Nashville, and balancing her career pursuits with her time as a student in USC's Thornton School of Music. 2011 has been a whirlwind: Lara finished writing and recording a new 10-song album in Nashville, opened up for rockers KISS, and toured with solo shows and dates opening for the Doobie Brothers.

Accompanying all of the evening's performances is the **All Star Band**, composed of Marc Russo, ARF's musical director, on saxophone; John McFee on guitar, Karl Perazzo on percussion, Steve George on keyboards, Terry Miller on Bass and Ed Toth on drums. Marc, John and Ed are all of Doobie Brother fame, Karl is from Santana, Terry Miller from The Steve Miller Band and Steve George from Mr. Mister and Kenny Loggins.

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