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## **BIG RED CHAIR FAMILY SERIES RETURNS TO NYU'S SKIRBALL CENTER FOR 2009/10 SEASON**

### **THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS, THE GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ROCK BAND, TO KICK OFF SERIES, OCTOBER 18**

After the success of the inaugural year for the Big Red Chair Family Series (BRC) last season, New York University's Skirball Center for the Performing Arts has announced the return of BRC for the 2009/2010 season. This year's series will include Grammy-winning musicians; inventive performances of theater, visual arts, and dance; a visionary variety artist; and a new musical.

Kicking off the new season October 18, 2009 at 4pm will be New York's own Grammy Award-winning rock band They Might Be Giants (tickets \$25) performing music from their brand-new CD/DVD *Here Comes Science*. Kids and grownups alike will also be entertained with selections from the artists' entire repertoire, including the Grammy-winning *Here Come the 123s*. From their critically acclaimed albums and videos to their film and TV music, the founding duo of John Linnell and John Flansburgh has garnered millions of fans worldwide and continues to play to sold-out crowds at home, across the nation, and abroad.

Over the years, the pair has helped kids learn their ABCs and 123s in a highly entertaining way. Their new CD/DVD *Here Comes Science* introduces scientific topics such as evolution and the superiority of electric cars. The song "Electric Car" is sung by Robin Goldwasser, wife of band member Flansburgh, and celebrates the bright future of electric cars with lyrics like, "No diesel, steam or gasoline, how can you deny an electric car?"

Big Red Chair Family Series season will continue at NYU Skirball Center with:

- ***The Adventures of Harold and the Purple Crayon* November 1, 3pm \$20** – The classic storybook character is brought to life in an Enchantment Theater Company production.
- ***The Nutcracker* December 18 – 20, \$25-\$65** – A timeless holiday tradition from the Joffrey Ballet School of New York City.

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- ***Shakespeare to Go: A Midsummer Night's Dream*** February 27, 11pm \$10 – One of Shakespeare's most popular romantic comedies in an adaptation made especially for children.
- ***Darwin March 13, 2pm*** \$20 – Darwin is a dinosaur who discovers the true meaning of love in this heart-rending tale told by Corbian Visual Arts and Dance.
- ***Michael Moschen*** April 17, 7pm \$25 – Visionary performing artist Michael Moschen blends the rich beauty of art, science, physics, and mathematics in a show of fantastic feats and illusions.
- ***Nobody's Perfect*** May 8, 2pm \$20 – Based on the children's book by Marlee Matlin and Doug Cooney, this touching new musical is an important reminder that despite first impressions nobody's perfect.

Tickets for all events may be purchased: online at [www.skirballcenter.nyu.edu/tmbg](http://www.skirballcenter.nyu.edu/tmbg), by phone at 212.352.3101 (toll-free 866.811.4111), or in person at the Skirball Center's Box Office. NYU's Skirball Center for the Performing Arts is located at 566 LaGuardia Place (at Washington Square South). For a complete and current calendar of the Skirball Center's 2009/2010 season please visit: [www.skirballcenter.nyu.edu](http://www.skirballcenter.nyu.edu).

For a limited time, families can purchase the BRC 8-pack to secure substantial discounts when attending Big Red Chair Family Series performances throughout the season. This \$99 ticket package will be available for purchase online, by phone, and in person through November 15.

*The Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, New York University, is the premier venue for the presentation of cultural and performing arts events at NYU and lower Manhattan. Located at 566 LaGuardia Place (at Washington Square South), it provides a large-scale, professional performance space for university productions and events and live professional performances from around the world. The 860-seat theater opened in October 2003 and hosts the only major university-based professional multi-arts presenting program in Manhattan. As a result, one natural and continuing mission of the Skirball Center is to build young audiences for live performance through a broad range of compelling performance events at affordable ticket prices. For more information, visit [www.skirballcenter.nyu.edu](http://www.skirballcenter.nyu.edu).*

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