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Lyon Opera Ballet Cancels Mondavi Center Performance

Davis, Calif.—The **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis**, has announced **the cancellation of the Lyon Opera Ballet** performance, scheduled for **March 2, 2010**. The company has cancelled its 2010 North American tour.

The Lyon Opera Ballet's tour management company, IMG Artists, issued the following statement: "As is the case with many dance companies, it has become increasingly difficult to make touring financially viable, given the challenging global economic climate, and without the kind of funding subsidies once available."

Refunds will be automatically issued to ticket buyers beginning January 4, 2010. Alternately, patrons can exchange their tickets for any other Mondavi Center presenting program event, including upcoming dance performances by **Morphoses/The Wheeldon Company** (January 25, 2010); **Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE 25th Anniversary Tour** (January 30, 2010); or the **Aspen Santa Fe Ballet** (April 9, 2010).

Patrons not wishing to exchange their tickets will automatically receive their refunds the week of January 4. For further information on exchanges and refunds, please contact the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 530-754-2787 or 866-754-2787 (toll free) by December 18, 2009. The Ticket Office is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It will be closed for the holidays from December 21, 2009–January 3, 2010.

The Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis, is one of Northern California's premier arts destinations. The Mondavi Center presents nearly 200 performances each year by both professional and student artists in music, dance, theater, and spoken word. The Mondavi Center's main performance space, 1,800-seat Jackson Hall, features next-generation theatrical equipment and superb acoustics that make it a favorite for the world's greatest orchestras, jazz bands, and dance and theater companies. The center's 200-seat Vanderhoef Studio Theatre provides high-tech space for rehearsals, film screenings, and intimate musical experiences.