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**OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS' JAZZ ON THE GREEN MOVES TO
MIDTOWN CROSSING AT TURNER PARK**

Summertime Concert Series moves to new venue

OMAHA, NEB. – (March 18, 2010) – *Jazz on the Green*, Omaha's popular outdoor music series, will find a new home at Turner Park, the centerpiece of the Midtown Crossing development, at 31st and Dodge streets.

In January, Omaha Performing Arts announced that it would adopt the 25-year-old jazz concert series from Joslyn Art Museum, looking to expand the event's reach in the community. Now, with sponsorship from three leading Omaha businesses and a new partnership with Midtown Crossing at Turner Park, *Jazz on the Green* has found a larger, centrally located home. This change of venue ensures the future of the Omaha favorite while enhancing the audience experience.

"The opportunity to present *Jazz on the Green* in such an ideal outdoor space just made sense for everyone, from the performers to the patrons," said Joan Squires, president of Omaha Performing Arts. "We're grateful to all of our sponsors and partners for helping to ensure this event remains an Omaha favorite for years to come." Sponsors for the event include Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mutual of Omaha and Omaha Steaks.

"This is exactly the type of community event we had in mind for Turner Park when we decided to expand and improve the public space adjacent to the Midtown Crossing development," said Ken Cook, president of East Campus Realty, the Mutual of Omaha subsidiary that owns Midtown Crossing. "The location is perfect, the parking is plentiful and we look forward to watching this series grow."

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Mayor Jim Suttle said, “*Jazz on the Green* has been a part of the Omaha arts and entertainment scene for many years and has been a perennial family favorite. The City of Omaha is proud that this tradition is continuing at the beautifully re-designed Turner Park.”

In its new location, fans of *Omaha Performing Arts Presents Jazz on the Green at Midtown Crossing at Turner Park* will continue to enjoy perks such as free admission and the ability to bring their own refreshments to the concerts. Ample and conveniently located parking will be available in the new location. Complete series details with dates and performers will be announced later this spring.

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OMAHA PERFORMING ARTS

Omaha Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing world-class performances to the Omaha metropolitan area. Omaha Performing Arts’ commitment to the arts extends into its own series, *Omaha Performing Arts Presents*, and includes a partnership with Broadway Across America to bring the finest touring Broadway productions to Omaha as well as education and community involvement programs that help ensure the arts have a far-reaching impact.

The organization manages two landmark venues, the Holland Performing Arts Center and the Orpheum Theater. Omaha Performing Arts also provides comprehensive ticketing services for cultural and performing arts within the region through Ticket Omaha.

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MIDTOWN CROSSING AT TURNER PARK

Midtown Crossing at Turner Park is a 15-acre, mixed-use urban development in the heart of Omaha’s historic Midtown neighborhood. Built around an expanded and revitalized Turner Park, the million-square-foot development includes nearly 500 condominium and apartment units as well as more than 220,000 square feet for restaurants, retailers and entertainment venues along with parking for more than 3,000 vehicles. For more information, please visit www.midtowncrossing.com.

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