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Summary: Billed as “the nation’s funniest political comedy troupe,” Capitol Steps will open the 2008-2009 Performing Arts Series with a performance in the Student Center's Edson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. September 26. No matter who’s in the headlines, the Capitol Steps are equal opportunity satirists of the non-partisan kind.

(August 25, 2008)-Billed as “the nation’s funniest political comedy troupe,” Capitol Steps will open the 2008-2009 Performing Arts Series at the University of Minnesota, Morris with a performance in Edson Auditorium of the campus’ Student Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. No matter who’s in the headlines, the Capitol Steps are equal opportunity satirists of the non-partisan kind.

Humor and beauty are at the core of this 47th Performing Arts Series year of great music, theater and dance. This season’s Series will also offer:

Lula Washington Dance Company, Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008

This vibrant ensemble from Los Angeles will present a beautiful blend of African and modern dance-fresh, streetwise and culturally conscious.

Chu-Fang Huang, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008

A Van Cliburn competition finalist, this young, award-winning classical pianist seems to have it all-imagination, articulation and artistic maturity.

Continental Ballet, Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009

“Coppela,” the classic three-act ballet about a magical doll maker, mixes razor-sharp story-mime with bravura classical dance.

Romanza, Saturday, March 7, 2009

These talented, classically trained lyric singers take the tenor repertoire to new heights, re-invigorating opera hits, popular folk songs and well-loved ballads.

In addition, the 31st annual UMM Jazz Fest, April 2-4, 2009, will feature guest artists Robin Eubanks, trombone, and Adam Rogers, guitar. Watch for more details and ticket information tickets for Jazz Fest will go on sale in late February.

Primary funding for this series is provided by University of Minnesota, Morris students. This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Lula Washington Dance Theatre is supported by the Performing Arts Fund, a program of Arts Midwest funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art, with additional contributions from the Minnesota State Arts Board, General Mills Foundation and Land O’Lakes Foundation.

More information about and tickets for this year's Series may be obtained by contacting the UMM Office of Student Activities at (320) 589-6080.

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