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## MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH LU TO PRESENT NATIONAL TOUR

March 20, 2014

Lindenwood University and the Missouri Arts Council have partnered to bring the national tour of MEMPHIS: The Musical to St. Charles, Mo., on April 21.

"The primary goals of Lindenwood's School of Fine & Performing Arts are to culturally enrich the surrounding community and provide diverse opportunities for students to engage the arts within an integrative liberal arts curriculum," said Chad Snider, director of marketing and master of ceremonies at the J. Scheidegger Center. "MEMPHIS provides a superb opportunity to do just that."

MEMPHIS: The Musical is a culturally-enriched love story about an interracial couple and their experiences in underground dance clubs of the 1950s. The production provides the disciplines of art and design, dance, music, and theatre—all the aspects of the arts that Lindenwood's School of Fine and Performing Arts demonstrates on a daily basis.

MEMPHIS demonstrates a very high level of artistic quality through its award winning creative team and has an impressive list of credits including: Director Tony Nominee Christopher Ashely (Xanadu); Choreographer Sergio Trujillo (Jersey Boys); Scenic Designer Tony Award winner David Gallo (The Drowsy Chaperone, Reasons to Be Pretty); Costume Design by Tony nominee Paul Tazewell (In The Heights); Lighting Design by Tony Award winner Howell Binkley (Jersey Boys); Sound Designer Ken Travis (The Threepenny Opera).

MEMPHIS has won multiple Tony Awards (including best musical), Drama Desk Awards, and Outer Critics Circle Awards.

MEMPHIS ran for three years on Broadway at the Shubert Theatre in New York City and had a successful 55-city national tour that ran from 2011 to 2013. The current national tour began in the fall of 2013.

The Missouri Arts Council is a division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The council provides support to nonprofit organizations through grants that meet their strategic goals: Increase participation in the arts in Missouri; Grow Missouri's economy using the arts; Strengthen Missouri education through the arts.

The council awards grants to organizations to stimulate the growth, development, and appreciation of the arts in Missouri. This funding makes possible quality arts programming to communities throughout Missouri. In addition to financial assistance, the Missouri Arts Council provides expertise in community development, fundraising, marketing, grant writing, arts education, artistic disciplines (visual arts, music, literature, theater, dance, festivals, and film/media), and more.

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