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Florence + the Machine, the Grammy-nominated British Pop Sensation, Plays the State Theatre, Friday, April 27, 2012

Tickets Go On Sale at Noon on Saturday, Jan. 28

Blood Orange Opens

MINNEAPOLIS—Florence + the Machine, the hot British pop sensation nominated for Best New Artist at the 2011 Grammy Awards, will perform at **8 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2012** at **Hennepin Theatre Trust's State Theatre**. Named #51 on Time Magazine's 2011 list of the 100 most influential people in the world, the fearless Florence Welch and a rotating lineup of musicians blend moody rock with brash indie pop. They are touring in support of "Ceremonials," their second album which came in at #7 on The Current's Top 89 Albums of 2011. **Tickets go on sale at Noon on Saturday, Jan. 28.** Blood Orange, aka singer/songwriter Devonte Hynes, will open. Florence + the Machine's US tour is presented by MSN. To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit www.HennepinTheatreTrust.org or call 1.800.982.2787.

Winner of the 2009 Critics Choice Award at the Brits and originally from South London, Florence Welch was influenced by artists ranging from Dusty Springfield and Tom Waits to Bob Dylan. Florence + the Machine showcases a seven-piece band including long-term collaborators Rob Ackroyd (guitar), Chris Hayden (drums), Isabella Summers (keyboards) and Tom Monger (harp). Their debut single, "Kiss with a Fist," in June 2008, was followed closely by their first album, "Lungs," in July 2009, which became one of the year's most popular releases in the U.K., with four Top 40 singles.

Another single, "Dog Days Are Over," went platinum and "Lungs" won the 2009 Best Album Award at the Brits, the British Phonographic Industry's annual pop music awards. Welch wrote and recorded a heart-stopping track for the "Twilight: Eclipse" soundtrack and performed "Dog Days" to a global audience at the MTV Video Music Awards in September 2010. The following day she was the most Googled person in the world. In the last year, Florence + the Machine has graced the stages of Saturday Night Live and Good Morning America. They also performed at Anna Wintour's star-studded annual Met Ball and at the Nobel Prize Awards Ceremony in Oslo.

TICKET INFORMATION

Florence + the Machine will perform at **8 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2012** at **Hennepin Theatre Trust's State Theatre** (805 Hennepin Avenue, Mpls., 55402). **Tickets go on sale at Noon on Saturday, Jan. 28 and range in price from \$42.50 to \$52.50 depending on seating preference.** All prices include applicable facility fees. Additional service charges may apply. Tickets may be purchased in person at the State Theatre Box Office (805 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, 55402), online at HennepinTheatreTrust.org, by calling 1.800.982.2787 or visiting a Ticketmaster Center. Please note there will be a ticket limit of two per person in the first 15 rows and four per person for the remainder of the venue.

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