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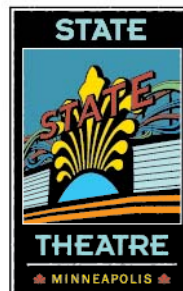
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MEDIA ALERT/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Minnesota Vocalist Linda Eder Leads *SpotLight Musical Theatre Program* Students In a Master Class and In Concert on December 1 and 2



THURSDAY, DEC. 1

4 – 5:30 P.M.

- WHAT:** Linda Eder Master Class for Hennepin Theatre Trust's *SpotLight Musical Theatre Program* Students
- WHERE:** New Century Theatre, 615 Hennepin Ave., Mpls., 55403
(Ground Floor of City Center in Downtown Minneapolis)
- WHO:** **Linda Eder**, the dynamic vocalist who grew up in Brainerd, MN and went from a stunning debut on "Star Search" to Broadway, Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, is the **spokesperson for the *SpotLight Musical Theatre Program***. *SpotLight* students from Benilde-St. Margaret's, Minnetonka, Blake, Chaska, St. Francis, Monticello and Minnehaha Academy High School will participate in a master class led by Eder in front of an audience. Eder will offer training suggestions on vocal production and musicality.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

8 P.M.

- WHAT:** Concert: "Linda Eder: Home for the Holidays"
Joined by a select choir of *SpotLight Musical Theatre Program* students
- WHERE:** Pantages Theatre, 710 Hennepin Ave., Mpls., 55403
- WHO:** 20 *SpotLight* students will perform with Eder on selections including "O Holy Night" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
- TICKETS:** On sale now for \$53.50-\$63.50, visit our website at HennepinTheatreTrust.org

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Advance notice requested for best camera and press access.

The *SpotLight Musical Theatre Program*, Hennepin Theatre Trust's flagship educational initiative, is recognizing and celebrating high school musical theatre students and schools. Working with commissioned evaluators from theatre education and the local theatre community, schools and students are provided with professional instruction and critical feedback. The program also includes the opportunity to participate in workshops with touring Broadway cast and creative team members. Each spring culminates with the *SpotLight Showcase*, a professionally produced ceremony featuring performances by outstanding *SpotLight* high school artists.

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Hennepin Theatre Trust, non-profit owner of the historic Orpheum, State, Pantages and the newly developed New Century Theatres, is devoted to enriching the vibrant cultural atmosphere of the Twin Cities.

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