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B.B. King, the Blues Guitar Legend, Returns to Minneapolis by Popular Demand to Play the State Theatre, Friday, November 12, 2010

Tickets Go On Sale Friday, Feb. 19 at Noon

MINNEAPOLIS—B.B. King, a living legend universally hailed as the reigning “King of the Blues,” **returns to Minneapolis by popular demand to play Hennepin Theatre Trust’s State Theatre at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 2010.** His November concert follows a sold out engagement with Buddy Guy at the Orpheum Theatre in February. **Tickets go on sale Friday, Feb. 19 at Noon.** An opening act will be announced later. To purchase and for more information visit www.HennepinTheatreTrust.org or call 1.800.982.2787.

Hailing from the blues-rich Mississippi Delta, B.B. King is the single most important electric guitarist of the last half century and his innovative bent notes and staccato picking style have influenced generations of blues and rock guitarists. He and his guitar "Lucille" have thrilled audiences with countless hits including "Sweet Sixteen" and "Every Day I Have The Blues," helping to give the blues its special place in the American musical tradition.

His gritty and confident voice—capable of wringing every nuance from any lyric—provides a worthy match for his passionate playing. Between 1951 and 1985, King notched an impressive 74 entries on Billboard's R&B charts, and he was one of the few full-fledged blues artists to score a major pop hit when his 1970 smash "The Thrill Is Gone" crossed over to mainstream success. From that time, he has partnered with such musicians as Eric Clapton and U2, while managing his own acclaimed solo career.

TICKET INFORMATION

B.B. King performs at **8 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 2010** at **Hennepin Theatre Trust’s State Theatre** (805 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, 55402). Tickets go **on sale Friday, Feb. 19 at Noon** and range from **\$53 to \$63 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.

HENNEPIN THEATRE TRUST, owner of the historic State, Orpheum and Pantages Theatres, is a non-profit organization devoted to enriching the vibrant cultural atmosphere of the Twin Cities. The Trust’s programs include Broadway touring productions, a wide variety of concerts, speakers and variety entertainment, the *SpotLight Musical Theatre Program* for high schools, *Critical View* student reviewer program, *Teen Ushers*, the *Access Program* and *Kids’ Night*. For more information, visit HennepinTheatreTrust.org.

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