

Concert sponsors named

Committee seeking community sponsors

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With the Simon Estes Hardin County visit just over two months away, organizers are releasing more information about the world-renowned opera singer's two-day residency schedule and community sponsorship of the visit.

The residency and concert are part of Estes' Roots and Wings program, in which the Centerville, Iowa native hopes to perform in each of Iowa's 99 counties. The "Roots and Wings" tour benefits the Simon Estes Iowa Educational Foundation, which is a nonprofit corporation that exists to provide scholarships to graduating Iowa high school seniors with financial need, and performance experience to aspiring young musicians with college degrees.

The Simon Estes Hardin County Committee recently announced that the residency's headline sponsors are Dale and Marilyn Howard, of Iowa Falls. The Howards, owners of Dale Howard Inc., in Iowa Falls, have demonstrated their dedication to the Hardin County community through continued philanthropic activity. They said they chose to become the residency's headline sponsors because of the benefits it presents for the area. "It is an outstanding opportunity for Hardin County youth to see where ambition, dedication, integrity and following your dreams can lead," said Dale Howard.

While Estes is in Hardin County Nov. 28 and 29 he will participate in six events, including a concert at Iowa Falls-Alden High School, a private reception, a breakfast, a lunch and two presentations to students from the throughout the county.

In addition to the Howards, sponsors of the six Estes residency events include Campbell Supply Co., Inc., of Iowa Falls; Times Citizen Communications, of Iowa Falls; the Ellsworth College Board of Trustees and Ellsworth College Foundation in Iowa Falls; Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls, Inc., and Scenic Living Communities, of Iowa Falls; the late Beecher Crosley and Winnifred Crosley, of Eldora; and Hardin County Savings Bank, of Eldora.

The committee that's working to bring Estes to Hardin County is also seeking community sponsors. Organizers said the sponsorship will help bring Estes to Hardin County and support a county-wide effort to create a permanent endowment that will create the Hardin County Arts and Culture Endowment Fund within the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation's family of funds.

The Arts and Culture Endowment Fund will be used to provide the opportunity for residents to contribute to a permanent fund that will support and enrich programs, events and performances in the county. Organizers hope it will also enhance existing programs, support and sustain arts and cultural organizations and advance the quality of offerings by helping to initiate new programs that promote arts education or broaden participation in existing programs. Donors who contribute to the endowment fund will have the opportunity to benefit from the Endow Iowa 25 percent tax credits.

The levels of community sponsorship of the Simon Estes residency include Diamond Sponsor, which is classified as a \$1,000 contribution; Gold Sponsor, which is classified as a \$500 contribution; and Silver Sponsor, which is classified as a \$300 contribution. All three levels offer opportunities for charitable deductions. All three levels include special recognition and tickets to the concert and post-concert reception with Simon Estes. As sponsorship increases, so do opportunities to participate in the two-day Estes residency.

Sponsorships can be mailed to Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street, 520 Rocksylvania Ave., Iowa Falls, Iowa, 50126. Checks should be made payable to the Hardin County Arts & Culture Endowment. For more information call Diana Thies at Iowa Falls Chamber/Main Street at (641) 648-5549.

(info box) Dale and Marilyn Howard proudly present Simon Estes in Residency

Sunday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. - "Roots and Wings", a Simon Estes concert and experience at Iowa Falls-Alden High School, sponsored by Campbell Supply Co., Inc.

Sunday, Nov. 28 at 5 p.m. -Private reception following the Simon Estes concert at Highland Golf Club, sponsored by Times Citizen Communications

Monday, Nov. 29 at 8 a.m. - Breakfast with Simon Estes at Ellsworth Community College, sponsored by the Ellsworth College Board of Trustees and Ellsworth College Foundation

Monday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. - Simon Estes speaks to Iowa Falls-Alden and AGWSR students at Iowa Falls-Alden High School, sponsored by Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls, Inc. and Scenic Living Communities

Monday, Nov. 29 at Noon - Lunch with Simon Estes at Pine Lake Country Club, sponsored by the late Beecher Crosley and Winnifred Crosley

Monday, Nov. 29 at 1:30 p.m. Ñ Simon Estes speaks to South Hardin and BCLUW students at South Hardin High School, sponsored by Hardin County Savings Bank

(info box) Community Sponsorship Opportunities

Diamond Sponsor, \$1,000 (\$800 charitable deduction allowed)

1/4 page ad in concert program

Name/business logo in all event programs and on the Web site

2 tickets with executive seating to Simon Estes Concert

2 tickets to reception with Simon Estes at Highland Golf Club

2 tickets to breakfast at Ellsworth College or lunch at Pine Lake County Club with Simon Estes

Name listed in thank you ad

Gold Sponsor, \$500 (\$300 charitable deduction allowed)

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2 tickets with executive seating to Simon Estes Concert

2 tickets to Reception with Simon Estes at Highland Golf Club

2 tickets to breakfast at Ellsworth College or lunch at Pine Lake County Club with Simon Estes

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Silver Sponsor, \$300.00 (\$150 charitable deduction allowed)

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2 tickets with executive seating to Simon Estes Concert

2 tickets to reception with Simon Estes at Highland Golf Club