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EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS BLAST!
ONE NIGHT ONLY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008 AT 8 PM

RICHARDSON, TX – Following triumphant successes in London, on Broadway and across North America, **BLAST!**, winner of the 2001 Tony Award for “Best Special Theatrical Event,” and the 2001 Emmy Award for “Best Choreography,” will play the Charles W. Eisemann Center in Richardson for one performance, Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 8:00 pm in the Hill Performance Hall. The performance closes the 2007-2008 Season of *Eisemann Center Presents’ Hill Performance Hall Spotlight Series*. Tickets range from \$37-\$75 and are available for purchase online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650 and group discounts are available for 10 or more persons by calling 972-744-4657.

BLAST!, a celebration of movement and music, almost defies description—and it has left critics everywhere surprised and delighted. Howard Kissel of the *New York Daily News* says: “What a cast, what a ‘Blast!’ An exhilarating evening.” Bruce McCabe of the *Boston Globe* says, “**BLAST!** doesn’t falter while bridging the categories of classical, blues, jazz, rock n roll, and techno-pop music. **BLAST!** stands, blows, pounds, marches, and whirls with panache. It sent the full house into repeated bursts of cheering and applause [with] the thrill of seeing sheer virtuosity in a different kind of art form. **BLAST!** is entertainment of a high order.” And Kevin Nance of *The Tennessean* raves, “I was helpless in the path of this visual and aural juggernaut, which far outdoes [*Stomp* and *Riverdance*] with youthful energy and cocky panache. ...I had an absolutely an absolutely marvelous time.”

Born on athletic fields across the nation, **BLAST!** is a novel art form evolved from the showmanship of outdoor pageantry. A unique experience, **BLAST!** explodes the genre with the artistry of the theatre. **BLAST!** is musical spectacle; it is music in motion. **BLAST!** on tour consists of 35 members, drawn from the world of outdoor pageantry all across North America. There are over 40 world titles held by **BLAST!** cast members who comprise three performing sections—the brass, percussion and visual ensembles. Described by Richard Christiansen of the *Chicago Tribune*, “‘Blast!’ And a truer word was never spoken. A terrific good time...explosive entertainment. It is indeed a blast.”

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located in the Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is easily accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Sponsors for the 2007-2008 Season include *The Dallas Morning News/WFAA-TV* and DART.

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