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EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS “BLAST!”
RETURNING FOR TWO SHOWS SAT., NOV. 12 AND SUN., NOV. 13

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 return to the Eisemann Center in Richardson for two performances, Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 2:00 pm in the Hill Performance Hall. Tickets 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.”

An event for all ages, **BLAST!** defies language barriers by performing crowd thrilling instrumental material, making it the perfect touring production. Comprised of 34 brass, percussion and visual performers brought together in a unique explosion of music and theatre born on athletic fields across the nation, **BLAST!** is a novel art form evolved from the showmanship of outdoor pageantry.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is accessible from Highway 75 North by taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit, going south, or from the DART rail station at Galatyn Park. 2011-2012 Season sponsors include The Dallas Morning News, WFAA-TV, UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities, ViewPoint Bank, Altrusa Intl. of Richardson, Inc., the Richardson Woman’s Club, Texas Commission on the Arts and Five for Five sponsor Opportunity Bank.

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