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EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS OPENS 2009-2010 SPOTLIGHT SERIES
WITH GRAMMY AWARD WINNING WESTERN ARTISTS
RIDERS IN THE SKY on SAT., OCT. 10, 2009 AT 8 PM

RICHARDSON, TX – Featuring an eclectic collage of dance, music and theatre in the Eisemann Center's concert space, the **Spotlight Series** kicks off with America's Favorite Cowboys, **Riders in the Sky**, appearing Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 8:00 pm. For thirty years, **Riders In The Sky** have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, reviving and revitalizing Western music. They have become modern-day icons by branding the genre with their own legendary wacky humor and way-out Western wit.

In their first 25 years, **Riders in the Sky** have performed in over 5200 live performances, almost 300 national television appearances, over 200 public radio shows, 700 *Grand Ole Opry* appearances, three television series (including a 1991-92 CBS Saturday morning show), an appearance on an episode of "*Duck Dodgers*" on Cartoon Network and more than 30 albums. The group also wrote and appeared in numerous Christmas specials on TNN and CMT in the 1990s. They are based in Nashville, Tennessee.

Riders in the Sky perform authentic renditions of old classic cowboy and Western songs, as well as original works and various comedic skits and songs. They have won two Grammy Awards and have written and performed music for major motion pictures, including "*Woody's Roundup*" from *Toy Story 2* and Pixar's short film, *For the Birds*. They usually introduce themselves as "Ranger Doug, the Idol of American Youth" (Douglas B. Green), "Woody Paul, the King of the Cowboy Fiddlers" (Paul Chrisman), "Too Slim, the Man of a Thousand Hats" (Fred LaBour) and "Joey, the Cowpolka King" (Joey Miskulin).

Tickets for the Sat., Oct. 10th **Spotlight Series** performance of **Riders in the Sky** range from \$25-\$52 and are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Ticket Office hours are 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts are available for 10 or more by calling 972-744-4657.

The Eisemann Center's **Prelude Café** is open for casual pre-show dining for all **Eisemann Center Presents** performances except matinee performances. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 972-367-2000.

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 2009-2010 Season include *The Dallas Morning News*, WFAA-TV and ticket sponsor PegasusNews.com.

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