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Great Plains Communications partners with Omaha Performing Arts to provide fiber based technology services

December 14, 2017 (Blair, Ne.) - Great Plains Communications, the largest independent communications provider in the state of Nebraska continues to increase its Omaha customer base with the installation and turn-up of fiber technology services to the Orpheum Theater and the Holland Center. Construction began in the summer and was completed in October, making the company the exclusive technology provider to Omaha Performing Arts.

Todd Foje, CEO of Great Plains Communications said "Omaha Performing Arts is one of the city's greatest assets. Not only do they bring us engaging performances, they mentor and educate area youth through the arts, and support the economy by bringing thousands of annual visitors to Omaha. We believe our services will be instrumental in assisting the organization in its mission of being 'a vibrant destination for extraordinary experiences that engage, inspire and connect,' and we are proud to be their technology partner."

The fiber-based services include high speed Internet at both locations, managed Ethernet connections between the Orpheum and Holland Center, connectivity to the Scott Data Center, dedicated Internet access, and SIP trunks for voice. All Omaha Performing Arts services will be monitored locally at the Great Plains Communications TL-9000 certified Network Operations Center in Blair, Nebraska.

"These new high speed, secure services from Great Plains Communications help Omaha Performing Arts maximize Internet, Ethernet and other connectivity services to the highest level," Joan Squires, President of Omaha Performing Arts said. "Their services are much needed as we continue to provide extraordinary experiences in our two great venues."

About Great Plains Communications

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately-owned telecommunications provider in Nebraska. The company provides 92 communities across the state with high-speed Internet, Cable Television, and Voice services. Business solutions range from traditional Voice and data products to installation and support of large business networks with scalable Internet and Ethernet solutions.

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At the core of their service offering is an extensive 9,500-mile regional fiber network including over 400 fiber miles in the Omaha Metro area. The network offers community access rings, last-mile, and middle-mile solutions, fully supported by their 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. The company is financially strong with a 107-year history of providing reliable and innovative solutions. For more information visit www.gpcom.com.

About Omaha Performing Arts

Omaha Performing Arts is the largest arts institution in Nebraska. Founded in June 2000 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, the organization is dedicated to enriching the lives of citizens in Omaha and beyond. In the past decade, more than 3 million visitors have attended world-class performances at the organization's two venues, the Orpheum Theater and the Holland Center. In addition, more than 220,000 students have participated in education and community engagement programs. Omaha Performing Arts boasts a \$40 million annual impact on the local economy. Visit their website at <https://omahaperformingarts.org/>

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