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PROUDLY PRESENTS:

***BROADWAY  
ON THE  
PLAINS III***

IORELLA'S EVENT SPACE | SEPTEMBER 6, 2025



# THANK YOU



On behalf of my brother Sam and the rest of the Reda Family, our Foundation Board, and the Founders Club Members, I sincerely thank you for joining us for our third annual benefit, Broadway on the Plains III. Your support is vital to our mission of providing educational opportunities to financially challenged, motivated first-generation students. These scholars are breaking family traditions and earning college degrees. With your help, we are

working to end cycles of generational poverty and create lasting change.

Tonight, you will hear from several of our REF Scholars whose stories demonstrate the meaningful impact of your contributions. This fall, we are proud to support 30 REF Scholars as they pursue higher education and begin building brighter futures for themselves and their families. Their commitment inspires us, and we are honored to support each of their individual journeys.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity. Now, sit back and enjoy a wonderful evening, including a performance by Broadway star and Tony-nominated artist, Betsy Wolfe.

This evening is dedicated in memory of Sam Reda Sr.

Jack Reda, *Chairman*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Reda".

# PROGRAM

<b>5:00pm to 6:00pm</b>	VIP Reception
<b>6:00pm to 6:45pm</b>	Cocktail Hour
<b>6:45pm to 7:30pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7:30pm to 7:45pm</b>	Welcoming Remarks
<b>7:45pm to 8:15pm</b>	Live Auction
<b>8:30pm to 9:30pm</b>	Betsy Wolfe Presents "DOMINO"

Get Ready - Following a completely sold-out run in New York, Tony Award Nominee Betsy Wolfe brings her acclaimed cabaret, "DOMINO", to Broadway on the Plains for one night only. With her signature blend of humor, heart, and powerhouse vocals, Betsy shares the inspiring and entertaining journey that led her to the Broadway stage. Fresh off her Tony nominated role as Anne Hathaway in "& Juliet" and her recent portrayal of Joy Mangano in "Joy" the musical, she delivers a performance filled with iconic songs and behind-the-scenes stories that promises to be both heartfelt and electric.

<b>9:30pm to 10:00pm</b>	Post Show Social (Cash Bar) and Auction Pickup
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# MASTER OF CEREMONIES



Roger Barbieri has built a career on wearing many hats—sometimes all at once. He has served as Campus Director and Ambassador for the University of the Rockies, Director at Ashford University, and President of Colorado Media School, where he championed education and empowered the next generation of leaders. Today, he lends his expertise as Vice President at Harbor Group Consulting while serving as Chair of the Board

for StageWorx, a nonprofit children's theater camp. (He swears the kids put on better productions than most adults.)

Outside of work, Roger is a devoted husband and dad who has spent plenty of time under the spotlight—first as a collegiate National Speech Champion, later as a NYC Equity actor in multiple national Broadway tours with Tony Award-winning directors, and finally as a bodybuilding competitor who walked away a 4-time champion. Equal parts professional, family man, and “all-around good egg,” Roger brings humor, energy, and heart to every endeavor.

Roger Barbieri, *Master of Ceremonies*

# AUCTION

**Item #1: Signed Caitlin Clark Basketball Jersey | Value: Priceless**

Donated by: **Jim & Patty Krezek**

**Item #2: Glitters Fine Jewelry 14k, White Gold Diamond Dangle Earrings ~ 1.20k ~ Weight 2.6dwt | Value: \$3,875**

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**Item #3: Turks & Caicos Beachfront Residence | Value: \$12,000**

Available only Saturday, April 25th to Saturday, May 2nd, 2026. Newly renovated 6-Bedroom Beachfront Residence, 4x Ensuite Bedrooms, 2x Twin Rooms, Sleeps up to 12 guests.

Donated by: **Bill & Shanthi Eckert**

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**Item #5: Costa Rica Beach House | Value: \$10,000**

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**Item #6: Destin, Florida Beach Condo | Value: \$2,300**

2 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms, Sleeps 6, One Week (Saturday - Saturday, check out by noon). Subject to availability, and must be used within 12 months - includes an \$800 Gift Card that can be used for Golf (Robert Trent Jones, Jr & Rees Jones courses), Food, Drinks, Spa, Tennis and/or Boating.

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**Item #7: Patrick Mahomes & Coach Andy Reid Signed Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl LVIII Helmet | Value: Priceless**

**Item #8: Diamonds Direct 14k Yellow Gold Diamond Adjustable Riviera Necklace, 101 Round Brilliant Cut Diamonds ~ 2.55k | Value: \$7,180**

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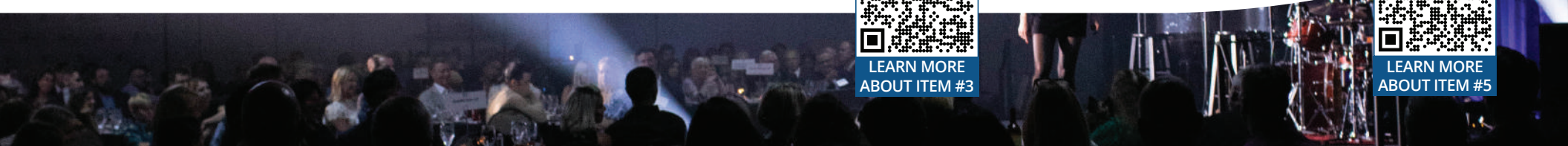


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LEARN MORE ABOUT ITEM #5



# BROADWAY ON THE PLAINS III

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**Betsy Wolfe** most recently earned wide critical acclaim starring as Joy, the title role in the new musical JOY. She previously wrapped her acclaimed tenure with the hit musical & Juliet as Anne Hathaway where her performance was nominated for the 2023 Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical. Wolfe is well known for her starring turns as Jenna Hunterson in the Tony-nominated Waitress, Cordelia in the Broadway revival of Falsettos, and Cathy in the celebrated off-Broadway revival of The Last

Five Years. Her screen credits include the holiday film Estella Scrooge: A Christmas Carol With A Twist, the Indie comedy First One In, and a guest-starring role on the CBS series Instinct. Other Broadway credits include: Bullets Over Broadway (Ellen), The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Rosa Bud), 110 in the Shade, and Everyday Rapture. Wolfe made her Metropolitan Opera debut in Die Fledermaus and has appeared as a guest artist with more than 60 symphony, pops, and philharmonic orchestras worldwide, including the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, The New York Pops, and the BBC Orchestra.

A graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with a BFA in musical theatre, Wolfe is also the founder of BroadwayEvolved, a groundbreaking training program for the next generation of performers, now in its eighth year.

[www.betsywolfe.com](http://www.betsywolfe.com) [www.broadwayevolved.com](http://www.broadwayevolved.com)



**Angel Reda** (Producer) is thrilled to be back home to represent as a Reda and REF board member for Broadway on the Plains III. Angel is perhaps best known for Chicago the Musical on Broadway, where over the years, she has played every female lead in the show.

Earlier this year she made her Kennedy Center debut in the screen adaptation of Schmigadoon as the Countess. Other Broadway Credits: The Cher Show, War Paint (Miss Smythe) Chicago (Roxie Hart, National Tour). Broadway LA: Wicked (Elphaba u/s) and Follies. Natl Tours: Hugh Jackman in Performance (Featured Performer) and Sweet Charity (Ursula). Favorite Regional roles: Damn Yankees (Lola) Goodspeed, Victor Victoria (Norma) TUTS, Intimate Apparel (Mrs. Van Buren) Pasadena Playhouse, The Sound of Music (Elsa) Engeman and The Wild Party (Queenie) CCM, where she won the Cincinnati Entertainment Award for Best Actress. Angel is recurring on Power Book II: Ghost, now in its final season on STARZ.

Other Film/Tv: Kiss of the Spider Woman (Release Date 10/10/25) The Undoing (HBO), SAMI (Amazon Prime), Stepford Wives (Paramount Pictures), Late Show with Stephen Colbert, and the 73rd Annual Tony Awards. Angel holds a BFA from UC-CCM.

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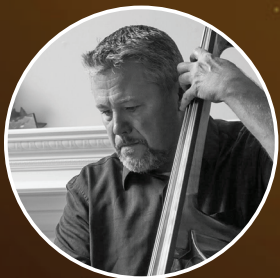


**Jacob Yates** (Music Director), piano, is a classically trained cellist and Music Director. His favorite Broadway/Off Broadway credits include *Wicked*, *Les Misérables*, *Spring Awakening*, *Alice By Heart*, *Hadestown* (Tour/Broadway), *Only Gold*, *Rock of Ages*, and currently *Cabaret* at the Kit Kat Club. In addition to his Broadway career, Jacob has toured with Disney's *DISNEY PRINCESS The Concert* as well as performed all over the world with Broadway and Television

Stars. He will also be seen in the upcoming feature film, *On A String*. Future projects include *Hard Road To Heaven*, *When We Touch*, and *The Baker's Wife*.

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**James Albright**, bass, has a Music degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. While in Nebraska he performed with the Lincoln and the Omaha Symphony Orchestras and in 1992 he came to Kansas City. He currently makes his living playing, teaching, and recording music. James holds the principal bass position with the Northland Symphony Orchestra, and teaches bass at his private studio and at Kansas City Kansas Community College. He performs

regularly with the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, Kelley Hunt, Tim Whitmer and the KC Express, the Oscar Polk Band, Triple Play, Talya Groves, and many others.



**Sam Wisman**, percussion, is a versatile fixture in Kansas City's music scene. Sam is a member of the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, the People's Liberation Big Band, Marimba Sol de Chiapas, Owen/Cox Dance Group, HoraceScope and the Roger Wilder Quintet & Trio.

Sam has performed with the Kansas City Symphony, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Ensemble Iberica, the Topeka Symphony, Shirley Jones, Weird Al Yankovic, Krystle Warren, Bobby Watson, Terrell Stafford, Brenna Whitaker, The New York Voices, The Sons of Brasil and many more. He has worked extensively as a percussionist in musical theater including at the Kansas City Repertory Theater, Starlight Theatre, the Music Hall, New Theatre & Restaurant, Unicorn Theater, Musical Theater Heritage, and the Coterie Theater.

Sam has helped to premiere works by Harry Connick Jr., Stephen Schwartz, Shirley Jones & Richard Maltby Jr., Jodi Picoult, Henry Krieger & Bill Russell, and Ahrens & Flaherty. Sam is also a Senior Producer for 91.9 Classical KC and hosts *Jazz Across America – Kansas City* on San Diego's KSDS Jazz 88.3. Before that, Sam was the host of *Jazz Afternoon – Mondays* on 90.1 FM KKFI for over 10 years. Love to L, J, & Z!

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**Ryan Dugan**, guitar, graduated with a degree in music from Macalester College in Saint Paul. He teaches private lessons and freelances as an instrumentalist, vocalist, and audio engineer. Ryan writes and performs with various musical groups in both Minneapolis and Kansas City, including *The Canterberries*, *Good Luck Alaska*, and *Joy Zimmerman*. When not performing, he enjoys biking and watching baseball.

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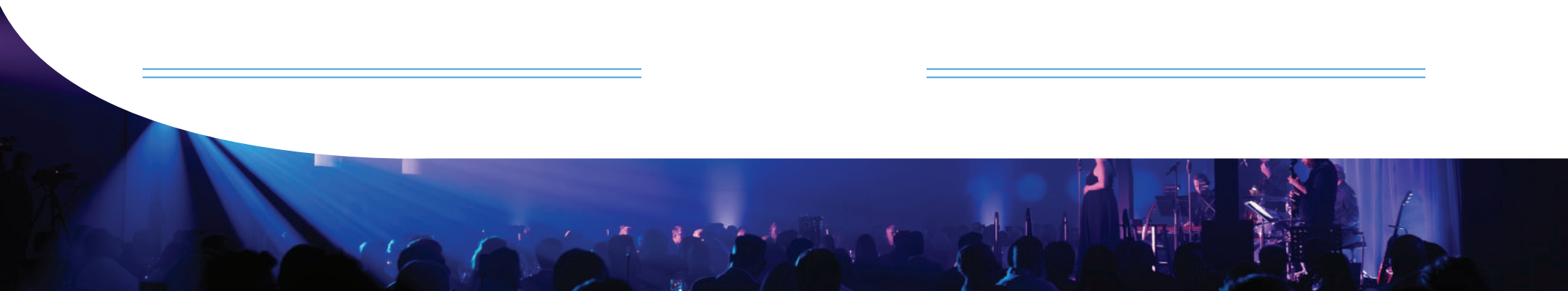
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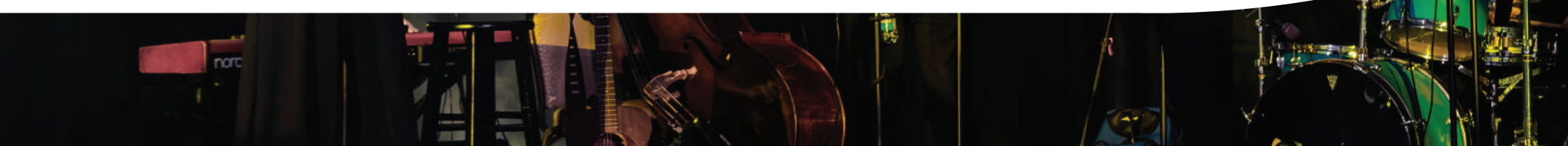
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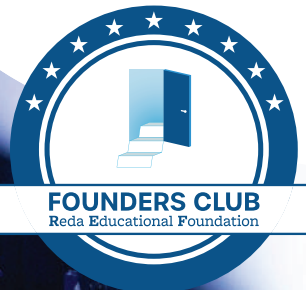
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Those contributing the maximum annual amount of \$20,000 are designated as Honor Roll members and are granted lifetime Founder status, with no further contributions required beyond their initial pledge. If you're interested in joining this exceptional group of individuals who are deeply committed to the mission of REF, please contact Jack Reda at [Jack.Red@redafoundation.org](mailto:Jack.Red@redafoundation.org).



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