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Emmy™ Award Winning Actor John McGivern Returns to the Stage in the Milwaukee Premiere of *A Kodachrome Christmas*

Single Tickets On Sale August 28th!

MILWAUKEE, WI (August 23, 2011)—The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts delivers an early Christmas present with the announcement of the Milwaukee premiere of *A Kodachrome Christmas* starring Emmy™ award-winning actor John McGivern. Written and directed by former Seinfeld writer, Pat Hazell, the show runs at the Marcus Center's Vogel Hall beginning with two preview performances on November 16 and 17. The show opens on November 18 and runs through December 31.

In this seasonal one woman show John McGivern is the first man to assume the role of Earlene Hoople, an eccentric Ozaukee County TV hostess who is taping her Christmas special in front of a live studio audience. The self-proclaimed "Queen of Rural Media," judges the kookiest craft contest, answers letters to Mrs. Claus, decorates her signature Christmas cookies, presents the family slide show and conducts the holiday hand bell choir in this interactive show that promises to be a hilarious and heartwarming way to jumpstart the season with friends and family.

A Kodachrome Christmas marks the third collaboration between funny men, John McGivern and Pat Hazell at the Marcus Center. Both comics are recognized for their genuinely funny Americana humor. Their previous efforts produced the audience-pleasing nostalgic comedy *The Wonder Bread Years* and the riotous salute to sibling rivalry *Bunk Bed Brothers*, as an appetizer to this new holiday feast.

John is a member of Milwaukee's #1 Morning Radio show with Dave and Carole on 96.5 WKLH. Mr. McGivern has appeared on HBO, Comedy Central and Politically Incorrect, as well as on Milwaukee's WTMJ-4 with his entertainment segment called THE DAILY DISH MCGIVERN STYLE. He has enjoyed success with his own PBS Specials A MIDSUMMER NIGHT MCGIVERN and JOHN MCGIVERN'S WINTER TALES and his Emmy-winning, PBS Special, THE EARLY STORIES OF JOHN MCGIVERN. If that wasn't enough knighted by Julie Andrews in the hit film THE PRINCESS DIARIES.

A Kodachrome Christmas starring John McGivern is a picture-perfect way to celebrate the holidays starting November 16th at the Marcus Center. Single tickets go on sale August 28th at noon. The Marcus Center Box Office is located at 929 North Water Street Downtown, Milwaukee. Tickets can be purchased at the box office in person, by calling 414-273-7206, online at MarcusCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices range from \$38 to \$42. Group rates are available for parties of ten or more by calling 414-273-7121 ext. 411.

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