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New Live Radio Show Celebrates North Dakota

"Dakota Air: The Radio Show" to feature talent, history and culture from across the state

Fargo, ND, June 29, 2010—Fargo production company Prairie Airwaves announced today the debut of a monthly live radio show, *Dakota Air: The Radio Show*, to bring entertainment to communities across North Dakota while highlighting the remarkable talents, history and culture of each locale. The first-season shows will be performed monthly from September 2010 through May of 2011 and recorded for playback on the statewide Prairie Public Broadcasting Radio Network, as well as at www.DakotaAirTheRadioShow.com.

The mission of *Dakota Air: The Radio Show* is to provide a high-quality, live radio show that entertains, educates and inspires audiences by featuring talent from across the region while showcasing the location from which each show originates.

"We have an experienced management team along with a talented and exciting group of musicians, actors and technicians who are dedicated to providing a quality, one-of-a-kind entertainment experience," said Merrill Piepkorn, executive producer of *Dakota Air: The Radio Show*. "*Dakota Air* is going to be a lot of fun with loads of laughs and plenty of good-time music. Our goal is to create a product North Dakotans will be proud to claim as their own; something they can hang their hats on."

The live performances will follow the old-fashioned radio variety show format and will feature a live band, "The Radio Stars," a professional acting company under the creative direction of Steve Stark, and select local talent.

Corporate season sponsors are Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Farmers Union of North Dakota and Gate City Bank. Additional funding is being provided by the North Dakota Council on the Arts. Prairie Public Broadcasting is the radio-broadcast partner. In addition, a community organization will work with *Dakota Air* in each locale, helping produce the show and using the event to raise awareness and funds for their organization.

The first installment of *Dakota Air: The Radio Show* will be performed at the historic Vangstad Auditorium at Valley City State University at 7 PM on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Other live shows scheduled in 2010 include October 9 at the Belle Mehus Auditorium in Bismarck; November 13 at Jamestown High School Auditorium; and December 11 at the Empire Arts Center in Grand Forks. Monthly shows from January through May 2011 will be performed in Fargo, Minot, Dickinson, Wishek and Williston.

About Prairie Airwaves

Prairie Airwaves is a Fargo-based production company committed to creating and supporting programs across multiple media for entertainment and business purposes by bringing together ideas, talent, and expertise. For more information, contact Merrill Piepkorn at merrill@dakotaairtheradioshow.com or 701-205-2665.

