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Stimulus Funding Helps the Minnesota Shubert Center Get Off the Ground

\$2 million in stimulus dollars for flagship dance center will yield jobs and revitalization

November 19, 2009 (MINNEAPOLIS)—Mayor R.T. Rybak, Council Member Barbara A. Johnson (Ward 4), and Council Member Lisa Goodman (Ward 7) will join the Minnesota Shubert Center for a ground breaking of its new flagship center for dance this afternoon. The project, bringing jobs and a revitalization to Hennepin Avenue, received \$2 million in stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Funding will be used to rebuild the Shubert Theater, transforming the nearly 100-year-old theater and a new "Great Hall" connecting it with the Hennepin Center for the Arts into a center for dance.

"With a new Shubert Theater, we are helping to create more than 100 construction-related jobs and dozens of permanent jobs," Mayor Rybak said. "The Shubert Theater will help continue the revitalization of Hennepin Avenue with its theater district, Central Library and nearby Twins ballpark." Once completed late next year, the Shubert will provide affordable space for more than 40 non-profit organizations that employ over 1,000 people."

"The Minnesota Shubert Center will continue to revitalize Hennepin Avenue and is a great addition to the theater district," said Council Member Goodman. "The Center will be a destination for residents and visitors, bringing economic vitality to this portion of the avenue."

About the ARRA Funds

The City of Minneapolis received \$3,609,047 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Minnesota Shubert Center is one of nine projects funded.

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