Lied aspires for 'a fresh look'

Lied Center organizers hope to draw younger audiences this season by increasing the variety of shows offered, said Bruce Marquis, the center's executive director.

"The focus in our programming at the Lied in 1995 and '96 is slightly more culturally diverse than the last couple of years," Marquis said.

He hopes to maintain the Lied's traditional audience while encouraging younger audiences, he said.

"A unifying theme for the semester could be 'a fresh look," Marquis said.

"STOMP" kicks off the fall season Sept. 14 and 15, featuring an eightmember percussion and movement ensemble. Using appliances such as brooms, buckets and oil drums, "STOMP" has won international acclaim. Its 1994 North American tour sold out every date.
"STOMP" performers have made

appearances on both "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The To-night Show with Jay Leno." They also were featured in the "ice-breaking" commercial for Coca-Cola.

Starting the season with an event that attracts a large audience is important, Marquis said.

"As such, 'STOMP' is a wonderful season opener," he said. "It will leave audiences clapping and stomping their feet for other events of the season."

The Who's "TOMMY" was originally scheduled to begin the fall season. However, the artists asked to switch performance dates, Marquis said. "TOMMY" will play Oct. 6-8.

save all week and Sit with me in the lied center eighth row we'll swoon with lincoln's finest in the velvety peach cavern and as we sit and gossip over coffee vou'll have beer -- we'll say never saw SO much, never felt SO far

Marquis said two challenges when putting together the fall season were working around touring schedules and fitting the acts into a cohesive season so that a broad range of performances were spread throughout the season.

One artist who could be a big draw for younger audiences is jazz saxophonist Joshua Redman. Redman picked up a Grammy nomination with his 1993 debut album. At 23, he has made two critically acclaimed albums. Redman will appear at the Lied Center

Another highly recognized artist, Wynton Marsalis, will perform with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra Sept. 30. This is Marsalis' first tour as a conductor, Marquis said, and this may be his only performance this year.

Marsalis is also slated on the same day to perform the national anthem with the City Jazz Orchestra before the Huskers' football game against Washington State.

Ping Chong will bring the world premiere of his multi-media opera Chinoiserie" to the Kimball Recital Hall Sept. 22. The opera explores the Western fascination with and misunderstanding of Chinese culture. Chong has used humor, dance and music in previous contemporary theater pro-

"We have a responsibility to offer arts which cover a broad spectrum of performances available," Marquis said, 'So we continue to offer the world's finest classical music, jazz artists, focusing more on world and traditional arts than the last couple of years."

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