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THE 5 BROWNS

Knight Theater – February 16, 2010

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Charlotte, NC – Featured on *Oprah* and *60 Minutes*, THE 5 BROWNS will play at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center's Knight Theater Feb. 16, 2010. The quintet enjoyed their first wave of critical attention in February 2002 when *People* magazine dubbed them the "Fab Five."

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at BlumenthalCenter.org, by phone at 704-372-1000, or from the Center's Box Office located in the Tryon Street lobby of the Belk Theater. This concert is presented by the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and Charlotte Concerts.

The 5 Browns – Ryan, Melody, Gregory, Deondra and Desirae – are the sons and daughters of Keith and Lisa Brown from Utah who wanted their Mormon children to have music in their lives. The goal was to raise "five good people." Not only did they achieve their goal, but they also managed to raise five amazingly talented pianists.

Around the age of 3, each child showed a clear talent and interest in piano lessons, and while the children were introduced to other instruments, their passion was always the piano. Playing came as naturally to them as eating or sleeping and as early as age 9 they had each made their debut with a major symphony orchestra. They were the first group of five siblings to attend the musical conservatory Juilliard, which they attended simultaneously for five consecutive years.

In 2005 they released their debut album – titled *The 5 Browns* – on RCA Red Seal. The album spent eight weeks at #1 on the Billboard Classical chart. Their third album *Browns in Blue* merges classical and jazz worlds together to produce what can only be described as pure music.

AT A GLANCE...

WHAT:	THE 5 BROWNS
WHEN:	February 16, 2010
WHERE:	Knight Theater (430 South Tryon St. / Charlotte, NC / 28202)
COST:	Tickets start at \$39
TIX/MORE INFO:	BlumenthalCenter.org ; 704-372-1000; or at the box office

ABOUT THE BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center serves the Carolinas as a leading cultural, entertainment and education provider. For more information, call (704) 372-1000 or visit BlumenthalCenter.org. The Center receives operating support from the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council. The Center is also supported through the generous aid of its sponsors, including U.S. Airways, Official Airline of Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; Presbyterian Hospital, the preferred healthcare provider for the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center; and Duke Energy, sponsor of the Duke Energy Broadway Lights Series.


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