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NEC HELPS METROPOLIS COMBINE TECHNOLOGY WITH THE ARTS

Arlington Heights, Ill., October 11, 2011 – Metropolis Performing Arts Centre has received a generous donation of state-of-the-art equipment from technology innovator NEC Display Solutions in support of its entertainment and education programs in the northwest suburban community.

In September, NEC, a leading provider of [commercial LCD](#) display and [projector](#) solutions, presented Metropolis with two new 46-inch flat-screen displays and an advanced professional installation projector for the main theatre. Additionally, NEC donated two cutting-edge lenses to allow for front and rear projection in the intimate Metropolis venue. The contributions of equipment were significant.

As part of its overall vision, NEC, a global corporation with Chicago-based offices in Itasca, has partnered with organizations across several continents in leveraging innovation to help advance communities.

“NEC is proud to partner with the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre,” said Ashley Flaska, NEC Vice President of Marketing. “We are impressed by Metropolis’ deep commitment to the community and are pleased to provide this non-profit with the necessary equipment to continue to serve its patrons and students in the best possible ways.”

Metropolis plans to utilize the new projector to incorporate increased visual media into professional productions, concerts and School of the Performing Arts shows. The flat-panel displays provide Metropolis with the opportunity to communicate information to patrons, parents and students on a regular basis, plus allow for video evaluation of professional and student performances.

“We cannot thank NEC enough for its tremendous support,” Metropolis Executive Director Jim Jarvis said. “The need for Metropolis to integrate technology into its everyday operations is important. We are excited to explore all the avenues this donation will open.”

NEC Display Solutions of America, Inc., is a leading designer and provider of innovative desktop LCD monitors, commercial- and professional-grade large-screen LCD displays, a diverse line of multimedia and digital cinema projectors, and integrated display solutions. NEC Display Solutions develops leading-edge visual technology and customer-focused solutions for a wide variety of markets, including enterprise, healthcare, education and digital signage. www.necdisplay.com

In addition to NEC, Metropolis also receives generous sponsorship from American Airlines, Daily Herald, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago - Arlington Heights, FastSigns of Arlington Heights, the Illinois Arts Council and Stella Artois.

Metropolis is located in the heart of Chicago’s northwest suburbs in downtown Arlington Heights at the intersection of Campbell and Vail Avenue (111 West Campbell Street). Street parking is available. Free parking is available in the public garage behind the theatre. For more information about Metropolis and a complete 2011/2012 performance schedule, visit MetropolisArts.com or call the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

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