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**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES AN EVENING WITH ACADEMY AWARD WINNING ACTRESS PATRICIA NEAL**

(OMAHA, Neb.) - Metropolitan Community College is pleased to announce An Evening with Academy Award Winning Actress Patricia Neal, accompanied by actor Joel Vig, as one of the many highlights of their upcoming Edward Albee Great Plains Theater Conference, which takes place in Omaha May 27-June 3, 2006.

An Evening with Academy Award Winning Actress Patricia Neal is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Joslyn Museum/Witherspoon Concert Hall in Omaha, with an After Theatre Reception immediately following. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime chance to interact with one of the most beloved actresses of our time. To order tickets to this special evening with Patricia Neal, or for the entire Edward Albee Great Plains Theater Conference, contact Brooke Lafarr at (402) 457-2877, or visit [www.mccneb.edu/theatreconference](http://www.mccneb.edu/theatreconference).

Patricia Neal is one of the most admired women of the American Theatre, having won an Oscar as Best Actress for her 1964 performance with Paul Newman in *Hud*, and receiving an Academy Award nomination for her role in *The Subject Was Roses*. She was inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame in 2004, and was inducted into the Hollywood "Walk of Fame" in 2005.

Dr. Jo Ann McDowell, president of Metropolitan Community College and founder of the inaugural Edward Albee Great Plains Theater Conference, commented on the achievement of Patricia Neal; "Patricia Neal represents one of the greatest eras of acting ever, and this year will celebrate a career which spans 50 years. She was the first person ever to win a Tony Award and has lead an amazing life. Metropolitan Community College is truly grateful to be able to share an evening next month with such an icon of American theatre."



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McDowell added that Neal will be sharing her famous speech about her life's tragedies and triumphs, entitled "As I am."

Accomplished actor Joel Vig will be accompanying Neal for the evening. Audiences know Vig best for creating the starring role in the musicals *Ruthless!* and *Hairspray* on Broadway. He has performed with such legendary stars as Helen Hays, Zoe Caldwell, Colleen Dewhurst, and many others.

Metropolitan Community College is a comprehensive full service community college that offers over 100 programs and courses, including Health Care, Culinary Arts, Business and Office, Automotive, Computer and Electronics, Arts, Service Careers and Theatre Technology. Metropolitan Community College Campus locations include Bellevue, Elkhorn Valley, Fort Omaha, South Omaha, Fremont Center, Offutt AFB Center, and Sarpy Center. For more information on Metropolitan Community College or the Great Plains Theatre Conference, call (402) 457-2618 or visit [www.mccneb.edu](http://www.mccneb.edu).

