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SAMMONS CENTER ANNOUNCES SPRING CONCERTS

Jazz, Cabaret Season Begins January 19, 2018

DALLAS/ December 27, 2017 — Showcasing the top local jazz and cabaret artists before sold-out audiences is a trademark of the Sammons Center for the Arts, the nonprofit performing arts center which opened in 1988 in the historic Turtle Creek Pump Station. That musical tradition continues this spring, beginning with Sammons Cabaret & Cabernet on Friday, January 19, followed by the kickoff of the acclaimed Sammons Jazz series on Wednesday, February 7 and the popular Sammons Cabaret series on Thursday, February 15. The season is highlighted by a special anniversary concert on Friday, April 27, featuring Sammons Jazz Artistic Director Arlington Jones, a Steinway Artist, and internationally-renowned jazz vocalist/pianist Diane Schuur.

“The Sammons Center invites North Texans to enjoy an exciting lineup this spring,” said Joanna St. Angelo, the center’s executive director. “Along with our regular jazz and cabaret series at the Sammons Center, we are delighted to present our anniversary concert at the Moody Performance Hall. Each concert was arranged to thank our countless supporters as we mark 30 years of growing the arts in Dallas.”

Tickets to the regular series of Sammons Jazz and Sammons Cabaret cost \$45 per person per concert and include complimentary valet parking, beverages and appetizers. Each Sammons Jazz concert is held in Meadows Hall and features two sets, with each set performed by a different jazz group. Each Sammons Cabaret concert presents a vocalist and pianist performing two sets in the intimate setting of Kurth Hall.

Admission to Sammons Cabaret & Cabernet includes valet parking, a wine tasting and appetizers; a table of six costs \$400 and a table of eight costs \$500. Tickets and tables go on sale January 15 and may be purchased by calling (214) 520-7788 or visiting www.bit.ly/SammonsCtrCart. All major credit cards are accepted.

Tickets to the anniversary concert at Moody Performance Hall with Arlington Jones and Diane Schuur cost \$30, \$50, \$75 or \$150 per person and go on sale January 15. For tickets, call (214) 871-5000 or visit www.TicketDFW.com.

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For a complete schedule of the spring 2018 concert season, visit www.sammonsartcenter.org or call the Sammons Center at (214) 520-7788.

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About the Sammons Center for the Arts

The Sammons Center for the Arts was founded in 1981 to renovate the historic Turtle Creek Pump Station, built in 1909 at 3630 Harry Hines Boulevard, and operate it as a multipurpose arts center. After several years of renovation, the Sammons Center opened March 1, 1988. A 501(c)(3) organization, the Sammons Center provides low-cost office, rehearsal, performance and meeting space as well as administrative resources to arts organizations representing every discipline. It is home to 14 performing arts organizations and serves more than 50 other arts and community organizations. For more information, call (214) 520-7788 or visit www.sammonsartcenter.org.

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SPRING 2018 CONCERT SEASON**

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SAMMONS CABARET & CABERNET

Friday, January 19
7:30 p.m.
Meadows Hall

Beginning with a wine tasting, this semi-annual evening of fine music and fine wine is highlighted by a cabaret singer showcase with more than ten of the DFW area's top vocalists. Table hosts also receive a one-year Sammons Cabaret membership, a gift certificate for two tickets to a Sammons Cabaret, and a CD by a local cabaret artist.

SAMMONS JAZZ: BOP & BLOW

Wednesday, February 7
7:30 p.m.
Meadows Hall

The Kelly Durbin Bebop Band recalls the era when Clifford Brown, Hank Mobley, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, and others moved jazz beyond swing. Taking the second set is Saxomania, four amazing saxophonists — Shelley Carrol, Quamon Fowler, Ron Jones, and Chris McGuire.

**SAMMONS CABARET: WIVES & LOVERS
featuring Kay Ellingson & Jennifer
Martin**

Thursday, February 15
8:00 p.m.
Kurth Hall

Two successful partnerships, two strong voices, and two excellent musicians unite in a musical demonstration of "tender trap." Kay and Kent Ellingson and Jennifer Martin and her husband, Greg Herring, perform a blend of jazz standards, Latin tunes, pop, and even a little country. Joining the fun is bassist Lincoln Apeland.

**SAMMONS JAZZ: LEIGH TOMLINSON
MEMORIAL CONCERT**

Wednesday, March 7
7:30 p.m.
Meadows Hall

This annual tribute to beloved Sammons Jazz singer and volunteer Leigh Tomlinson features two up-and-coming jazz vocalists. Singer-songwriter Ashleigh Smith shows why she won the 2014 Sarah Vaughan International Vocal Competition crown in 2014. Joel Cross' talent and dedication have captured attention around the globe, including that of Grammy Award®-winning singer India Arie.

SAMMONS CABARET: B.J. CLEVELAND

Thursday, March 15

8:00 p.m.

Kurth Hall

With more than 400 shows to his credit as an actor, director, and choreographer, B.J. Cleveland is no stranger to the stage or television screen. B.J. wowed the crowd during his Cabaret & Cabernet debut last August with a touching delivery of “Last One Picked.” No doubt, this dynamic performer is never the last one picked in real life!

SAMMONS JAZZ: STICKS & BONES

Wednesday, April 4

7:30 p.m.

Meadows Hall

The Andrew Griffith Ensemble “keeps up with the Joneses” in a tribute to Andrew’s favorite drummers: Papa Joe Jones, Philly Joe Jones, and Elvin Jones. Sliding into a second set of swinging jazz is Bones and Such, a unique group of gifted trombonists led by Tony Baker and featuring Ryan Haines, Eric Swanson and Greg Waits.

SAMMONS CABARET: AUBREE-ANNA

Thursday, April 19

8:00 p.m.

Kurth Hall

Aubree-Anna is a favorite at the WinStar World Casino and local venues like the Warwick Melrose Library and The Kitchen Café, making it a sure bet that her return to Sammons Cabaret will be a winner. She launched the series in February 2012 with a sold-out show and has since earned high praise for her smooth vocals and extensive repertoire.

**SAMMONS CENTER 30th ANNIVERSARY
CONCERT featuring Diane Schuur and
Arlington Jones & The Brethren**

Friday, April 27

7:30 p.m.

Moody Performance Hall

2520 Flora Street – Dallas Arts District

The Sammons Center celebrates its 30th anniversary with a very special concert at Moody Performance Hall. Sammons Jazz Artistic Director, pianist, composer, and Steinway Artist Arlington Jones kicks off the concert with his group, Arlington Jones & The Brethren, in a toe-tapping, finger-snapping, hand-clapping, head-bobbing experience.

Tickets go on sale to Sammons members on January 1 and to the public on January 15. For tickets, call (214) 871-5000 or visit www.ticketdfw.com.

Internationally-acclaimed jazz vocalist/pianist Diane Schuur leads her ensemble in a memorable second set that showcases the rich stylings of jazz. Discovered “officially” by sax virtuoso Stan Getz at the 1979 Monterey Jazz Festival, Schuur has since won two Grammy Awards and developed a worldwide following for her live and recorded performances. Her latest CD, *I Remember You (With Love to Stan and Frank)*, is an homage to Getz and Frank Sinatra and aptly describes what her audiences feel after one of her concerts.

SAMMONS CABARET: JANELLE LUTZ

Thursday, May 17

8:00 p.m.

Kurth Hall

Named the 2016 Sammons Cabaret Artist of the Year for her phenomenal performances at the Sammons Center, Janelle Lutz is also an award-winning actress who has won the hearts of North Texas audiences and critics alike. Her accurate portrayals of Judy Garland leave audiences wanting more, but her many other roles prove she has boundless talent.

All artists and programs subject to change.