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SAMMONS CENTER MARKS 30th ANNIVERSARY IN 2018

Performing Arts Center to Celebrate with Concerts, Public Events

DALLAS/ December 27, 2017 — Built in 1909 to provide a growing city with clean water, the Turtle Creek Pump Station is today a source of vibrant dance, theater, and both choral and orchestral music known as the Sammons Center for the Arts. Located between the booming Uptown/Harwood District and Oak Lawn neighborhood, the Center opened on March 1, 1988, as a nationally recognized model of an arts incubator, adaptive reuse, public/private partnerships and historic preservation. Beginning in January 2018, the Sammons Center celebrates 30 years of elevating the arts and historic preservation with a full slate of concerts, open houses and other events designed to highlight the rich variety of performing arts and talented artists in North Texas.

“The Sammons Center opened its doors with two lead resident groups, the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra and Shakespeare Dallas,” said Joanna St. Angelo, the center’s executive director. “We now provide low-cost office, rehearsal, performance and meeting space and administrative resources to nearly 65 arts organizations including 14 resident arts groups.

“We are thrilled to host a variety of events during 2018 that not only celebrate our 30th anniversary,” St. Angelo continued, “but that also give North Texans a connection to the remarkable performing arts and artists in our area. We invite everyone to experience how art intersects every aspect of our community and lives.”

In addition to regularly-scheduled Sammons Jazz, Cabaret and Discovery concerts, the Sammons Center will present a special anniversary concert on April 27 featuring Sammons Jazz Artistic Director and Steinway Artist Arlington Jones and internationally-renowned jazz vocalist/pianist Diane Schuur. Among the other special events being planned are a free open house in May focusing on dance, a STEAM event for families in June and a state of the art in journalism discussion in September.

For updates and more information, call the Sammons Center at (214) 520-7788, visit www.sammonsartcenter.org or follow the Sammons Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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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.