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SAMMONS CENTER ANNOUNCES SPRING 2022 CONCERT LINEUP

Tickets to Jazz, Cabaret, Discovery Concerts Go on Sale January 21

DALLAS/January 13, 2022 — With safety practices such as limited capacity, spaced seating and face mask requirements in place, the nonprofit Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Boulevard in Dallas, kicks off its spring 2022 concert season February 2, 7:30 p.m., with the Don Ambrose Quartet and Erskine Hawkins III in *Classics of Jazz*. Introduced in 1989, the concert series is acclaimed for presenting local talent, legends and rising stars alike, performing jazz, cabaret and other styles such as folk, rock and world music.

“North Texas is fortunate to be the home of so many extraordinary musicians,” said Executive Director Joanna St. Angelo. “We are pleased that these gifted artists value performing at the Sammons Center as much as our patrons appreciate great performances. The concerts often provide an entry point for patrons to learn how the Sammons Center has supported the local arts community in many other ways for over 34 years.”

Tickets go on sale Friday, January 21, and cost \$50 for Sammons Jazz, \$45 for Sammons Cabaret and \$40 for Sammons Discovery. Admission to all Sammons concerts includes beverages, light refreshments and valet parking. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Sammons Center at (214) 520-7788 or online at www.sammonsartcenter.org. The spring 2022 concert schedule includes:

Wednesday, February 2, 7:30 p.m. — Sammons Jazz: Classics of Jazz. The Don Ambrose Quartet, fronted by pianist Don Ambrose, opens with an exciting set of swinging jazz. Music Director and pianist Erskine Hawkins III leads his ensemble in a second set of his “from all directions” sound.

Friday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. — Sammons Cabaret: 10th Year Celebration. Linda and Larry Petty lead a parade of top local singers to mark Sammons Cabaret’s 10th anniversary of presenting the Great American Songbook, Broadway show tunes, jazz standards, and even pop and country hits.

Wednesday, March 2, 7:30 p.m. — Sammons Jazz: Remembrance. Vocalist Andrea Wallace spotlights her breathtaking range of styles, from jazz to classical, in the opening set. Vocalist and composer Damon K Clark showcases his versatile chops and lyrical sensitivity in the second set of this special evening of jazz vocals dedicated to breast cancer awareness.

Thursday, March 17, 8 p.m. — Sammons Cabaret: Emily & Jonathan Bragg. Soprano Emily Bragg and tenor Jonathan Bragg are musical theater dynamos, individually and as a couple, charming audiences on land and sea with their rich voices and engaging stage presence.

Friday, March 25, 8 p.m. — Sammons Discovery: The Selkie Girls. Named after the mythological Celtic creatures who live in the sea as seals, but walk on land as humans, The Selkie Girls captivate audiences with unique instrumentation, lush harmonies, and lively folk music arrangements. The group features Alli Johnson on vocals and guitar; Jaycie Skidmore on vocals, flutes, and penny whistles; Dave Ervin on vocals, guitar, and mandolin; Joel Black on upright and fretless acoustic bass; Martin McCall on percussion; and Linda Mudd on harp.

Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. — Sammons Jazz: Generation Jazz. Quamon Fowler, known as one of the young Texas Tenors, and his A-list ensemble open with energetic and uplifting jazz. Drummer Andrew Griffith leads his stellar band in a tribute to the iconic jazz group, Art Blakey & The Jazz Messengers.

Thursday, April 21, 8 p.m. — Sammons Cabaret: Denise Lee. Denise Lee, the 2013 Sammons Cabaret Artist of the Year and award-winning actress, uses her formidable voice, friendly demeanor, and sassy style to perform her preferred style of cabaret — singing, acting, and bantering with her fans.

Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. — Sammons Jazz: Artistic Director's Concert. Sammons Jazz Artistic Director and Steinway Artist Arlington Jones celebrates 20+ years as a recording artist. In two sets, Arlington Jones & The Brethren ft. The Crew revisit some of his instrumental and vocal works from past recordings.

Thursday, May 19, 8 p.m. — Sammons Cabaret: Audra Scott & Keron Jackson. Audra Scott is an award-winning soprano whose stunning vocals and artistry have earned accolades throughout the U.S. and Europe. Keron Jackson's bigger-than-Texas voice, combined with his stirring personal stories, have made him a favorite in theaters, opera houses, schools and churches across the nation.

All artists and programs subject to change.

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 is home to 15 performing arts groups representing dance, theater, orchestral music and choral music. It provides low-cost office, rehearsal, audition, meeting, workshop and performance space as well as administrative, operational and educational resources to its resident groups and more than 90 other nonprofit cultural organizations. For more information, call (214) 520-7788 or visit www.sammonsartcenter.org.

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