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MARCUS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER REVEALS 2021/2022 ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAMMING

Jazz, Dance, National Geographic LIVE and MPAC Presents bring expanded variety of diverse programming to the community

MILWAUKEE – The Marcus Performing Arts Center (MPAC) announces a diverse lineup of programming coming to the stage beginning this fall for the 2021/2022 arts season, reaffirming the MPAC’s commitment to providing programming that reflects the Milwaukee community. Performances include three new series – Jazz, Dance and National Geographic LIVE — as well as a significantly expanded **MPAC Presents** lineup of nationally and internationally celebrated artists. This diverse programming brings to the community some of the most significant artists in their fields to engage and entertain audiences throughout the season.

“As a performing arts center in a vibrant major city, it is our mission to bring the best of the performing arts to Milwaukee. It also remains critically important to us that our programming represents the racial and ethnic diversity of Milwaukee County,” said Marcus Performing Arts Center President and CEO Kendra Whitlock Ingram. “MPAC’s expanded arts and culture programming does just that with a mix of artists and art forms from across the country and beyond.”

This programming supports the organization’s [REDI Action Plan](#) in the areas of representation, inclusion and investment, helping fulfill the goal to have a minimum of 30% of **MPAC Presents** annual programming presented by nationally and internationally celebrated BIPOC artists, as well as investing in programs that remove barriers to participation, such as the new Student Matinee offerings.

Financial support for 2021/2022 **MPAC Presents** programming is provided by Bader Philanthropies, Inc., Herzfeld Foundation and Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel.

The 2021/2022 **MPAC Presents** subscription and single tickets go on sale to the public July 22 at 10 a.m. Special pricing is in place for Jazz, Dance, National Geographic LIVE Series purchases and single ticket purchases of any three or more individual events.

- **Jazz Series:** MPAC Jazz presents exemplary artists that encompass the broad diversity of the Jazz spectrum. From established icons to emerging stars, MPAC Jazz curates the finest Jazz experiences for Uihlein Hall audiences.
 - Oct. 2, 2021 at 8 p.m. | Duets – Dianne Reeves, Chucho Valdés & Joe Lovano
 - Nov. 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. | Terence Blanchard featuring the E-Collective with Turtle Island Quartet
 - June 10, 2022 at 8 p.m. | David Sanborn

- **Dance Series:** Exciting, diverse and memorable moments await as MPAC Dance performances deliver on dance legend Alvin Ailey’s idea that *Dance is For Everybody*. Performances provide a glimpse of dance excellence from across the United States and around the globe.
 - Nov. 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. | Pilobolus
 - Feb. 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernandez
 - April 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

- **National Geographic LIVE Speaker Series:** Premium storytelling and visually stunning imagery come to life on stage as patrons hear first-hand accounts of science, adventure and exploration told by the world-class explorers who inspire change in the world.
 - Nov. 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. | National Geographic LIVE: Steve Winter – On the Trail of Big Cats
 - Jan. 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | National Geographic LIVE: Filipe DeAndrade – Untamed
 - Feb. 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | National Geographic LIVE: Kobie Boykins – Exploring Mars
 - May 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | National Geographic LIVE: Alicia Odewale – Greenwood: A Century of Resilience

- **MPAC Presents:** Events showcase nationally and internationally celebrated artists performing in the elegant surroundings of the newly renovated Uihlein Hall.
 - Nov. 3, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. | An Evening With Mary Chapin Carpenter, Marc Cohn, Shawn Colvin Together In Concert
 - Nov. 21, 2021 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. | Santa Saves Christmas
 - Dec. 4, 2021 at 8 p.m. | José Feliciano
 - Jan. 22, 2022 at 8 p.m. | Tiger King Uncaged: The Untold Stories from the Cast of Tiger King
 - Feb. 1, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Ladysmith Black Mambazo
 - Feb. 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Black Violin
 - Feb. 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Golden Dragon Acrobats
 - March 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | YAMATO
 - March 9, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Hiplet
 - March 12, 2022 at 8 p.m. | A Tribute to Aretha Franklin: The Queen of Soul
 - March 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Trinity Irish Dance Company
 - April 15, 2022 at 8 p.m. | Josh Gates: An Evening of Legends, Mysteries, and Tales of Adventure
 - April 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Neil Berg's 50 Years Of Rock-n-roll
 - April 30, 2022 at 8 p.m. | Blue Man Group
 - May 1, 2022 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. | Blue Man Group
 - July 22, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. | Jersey Boys
 - July 23, 2022 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. | Jersey Boys

- **Student Matinee Series:** Offering discounted daytime performances for schools, the Student Matinee Series brings favorites to life for student groups throughout the school year.
 - Jan. 21, 2022 at 10 a.m. | National Geographic LIVE: Filipe DeAndrade – Untamed
 - Feb. 2, 2022 at 10 a.m. | Ladysmith Black Mambazo
 - Feb. 3, 2022 at 12 p.m. | Black Violin
 - March 8, 2022 at 10 a.m. | YAMATO
 - March 9, 2022 at 12 p.m. | Hiplet

Single tickets for **MPAC Presents** shows range from \$25 to \$109 depending on show and seating location. Subscription packages start at \$65, representing discounts of 15% to 30% off single ticket purchases. Subscriber benefits include access to the VIP Donor Lounge, invitation to exclusive subscriber events and priority access to all newly-announced shows. Special pricing is also available to groups of 10 or more.

For more information about 2021/2022 MPAC Arts & Culture programming, visit: [MarcusCenter.org/series/MPAC-Presents](https://marcuscenter.org/series/MPAC-Presents).

*Ticket prices are inclusive of sales tax and include \$4/ticket facility fee. Discounts are exclusive of facility fee. Handling fees vary depending upon method of purchase.

About Marcus Performing Arts Center

Established in 1969, the Marcus Performing Arts Center (MPAC) is the premier performing arts community gathering space in Southeastern Wisconsin, bringing high-quality arts and cultural programming to the region. As a mission-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization, MPAC strives to act as a bridge between cultures and an energizing force for collaboration and advocacy in the community. The touring Broadway series, sponsored by Johnson Financial Group, is recognized as bringing the best of Broadway entertainment to Milwaukee since 1996, and provides opportunities to educate, entertain, and engage audiences. As a presenter, MPAC offers its own diverse arts and cultural programming and outreach, such as MPAC Presents, Rainbow Summer Reimagined, KidZ Days, ArtsConnect, and additional performances from internationally-renowned performing artists.

The Marcus Performing Arts Center is also home to a variety of resident arts partners, including First Stage, Milwaukee Ballet, Florentine Opera Company, Black Arts MKE, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, and more. MPAC is proud to be a dedicated War Memorial facility, honoring those who bravely served our country. For more information, visit www.marcuscenter.org

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