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ARCADIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 SEASON 7

New membership program and “concerts with a cause” raises funds for arts education, integrates students, and features world-class artists

ARCADIA, CA - August 20, 2018 - The Arcadia Performing Arts Center announces today its new 2018-19 Season 7. Presented by the Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation, the new season features legacy artists and emerging talent, reflects a diverse community, and raises funds to give back to local schools. An all-inclusive membership program encourages community, highlights leadership, and honors legacy members. KFI AM 640 is the season's official radio partner.

Season 7 opens on Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 with the Star Party Gala featuring Grammy Award-winner and 9-time Billboard jazz charts icon Steve Tyrell. The Gala honors philanthropists Alan and Sandy Whitman. The season's broad range of cultural and educational programming includes Legacy, International, Classical, Family, Dance, Theatre, and the Black Box Series.

The Center is the busiest premiere cultural destination venue in Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley. The venue features a state-of-the-art concert hall, black box theatre, and outdoor festival courtyard.

The Foundation is the nonprofit fundraising organization that supports the Center. Last season, the Foundation launched Arcadia's first Classical Series, STEAM festival, Americana festival, Lunar New Year festival, Arcadia's first professional theatre company, and an job training program.

The Center's full 2018-2019 Season 7 lineup includes:

Star Party Gala: Steve Tyrell

September 22, 2018| 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

VIP 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Grammy Award-winning, 9-time Billboard jazz charts legend Steve Tyrell headlines our STAR PARTY GALA that launches our endowment campaign and honors philanthropic leaders Alan and Sandy Whitman. Steve Tyrell popularized the Great American Songbook in the hit movie *Father of the Bride*. He has performed for President Bush, Prime Minister Tony Blair, Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace, and many others during his 40-year career. Red carpet VIP experience starts at 5:00 with silent auction, artist meet-and-greet, dinner, and live music. Doors open at 7:30 for the 8:00 concert. \$20 Mezzanine to VIP \$300. Part of the **Legacy Series**.

Los Angeles Virtuosi Orchestra ft. Chanteurs and Arcadia Choral Society

October 20, 2018| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Brilliant maestro Carlo Ponti conducts the professional Los Angeles Virtuosi Orchestra in their Arcadia Performing Arts Center concert debut. Thrilling symphonic works by Samuel Barber and Gustav Holst climax in Mozart's uplifting "Coronation" Mass with award-winning Arcadia High School Chanteurs and Arcadia Choral Society. Mezzanine \$20 to VIP \$60 with artist meet-and-greet. Part of the **Classical Series** made possible by Lee Family.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

November 15 - 17, 2018| 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Arcadia High School's award-winning Arcadia Stage and Stagecraft class present their sensational fall production. Seniors and Students \$10, Adults \$15, VIP \$30. All tickets are open seating and available through Eventbrite. Part of the **Theatre Series**.

Charity Dance Show ft. Orchesis

December 7, 2018| 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Arcadia High School Dance Department hosts their annual sell-out Charity Dance Show. Professional and pre-professional dance companies join Arcadia High School's beginning, intermediate, and advanced Orchesis Dance Company. Contemporary, hip-hop, Chinese folk dance, and more beautiful genres of dance lights up the stage for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are \$10 presale, \$15 at the door. Part of the **Dance Series**.

Christmas with Maki

December 8, 2018| 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Originally broadcast for *PBS Presents*, the breathtaking "Christmas with Maki" concert is donated to the foundation. Enjoy an enchanted evening with classically-trained violinist, 12-language operatic singer Maki and special guests. Mezzanine \$20 to VIP \$60 with artist meet-and-greet. Part of the **Classical Series**.

A Christmas Carol

December 9, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sensory-friendly production at 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Charles Dickens' classic holiday story *A Christmas Carol* is an adventurous and heartwarming tale that will surely put the entire family in the holiday spirit. Presented by Arcadia's new professional theatre company Vaulting Ambition. Students \$20, Adults \$30, VIP is \$40. Part of the **Black Box Series** made possible by Katy Hsieh Foundation.

Sunday with Santa

December 9, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Santa's North Pole comes to Arcadia! Take photos with Santa and join Mrs. Claus for storytime. Make gifts at Santa's Workshop with helpful elves. Get raffle tickets for a chance to win unique gifts. Hot chocolate and concessions are available for purchase. Tickets and entry are free. To enhance your family's reason for the season, enjoy the ticketed "A Christmas Story" children's play in the 60-seat Black Box Theatre at 1:00 p.m. Part of the **Family Series**.

Chinese New Year Festival

January 26, 2019 | 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lunar New Year Show | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Free festival in the outdoor courtyard with food, games, and fun is followed by a ticketed Lunar New Year Show inside the world-class main stage. Spend a thrilling evening enjoying spectacular Chinese cultural artists and ushering in the most auspicious Year of the Pig! Mezzanine \$18.88 to VIP \$88.88 with artist meet-and-greet. Part of the **International Series** with City of Arcadia.

Les Misérables

March 14 - 16, 2019 | 7:00 p.m - 9:30 p.m.

Arcadia High School's award-winning Arcadia Stage and Stagecraft classes are proud to present the heart-wrenching Broadway musical *Les Misérables*. Seniors and Students \$10, Adults \$15, VIP \$30. Tickets are open seating and available through Eventbrite. Part of the **Theatre Series**.

Jack Jones: American Music Icon

March 30, 2019| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Two-time Grammy Award-winner Jack Jones is one of the greatest singers of all time with 17 of his 50 recorded albums making Billboard Top 20. Admired by Mel Tormé, Michel Legrand, and many other legendary artists, Jack Jones is an American music icon with a prolific career that spans record labels, live concerts, television, film, and musical theatre. Jack Jones charms guests with his wit, sensitivity, and vocal power one night only in Arcadia! Mezzanine \$20 to VIP \$80 with artist meet-and-greet. Part of the **Legacy Series**.

Orchesis Spring Concert

April 19 and 20, 2019| 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

April 25 - 27, 2019| 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Arcadia High School Orchesis Dance Company proudly presents its annual spring dance show. Two weekends showcase diverse dance performances in the style of contemporary, hip-hop, Bollywood, jazz, and more! Presale tickets \$10 for general admission, \$15 for VIP. Tickets \$15 at the door. Part of the **Dance Series**.

Arcadia Poetry Slam

April 28, 2019| 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Scout for the next superstar during National Poetry Month! Poets 6th through 12th grade compete for the coveted Arcadia Slam Poetry Prize and opportunity to be published in *Arcadia Slam Poetry Competition*. Each poet has 5 minutes to present their original piece before the Los Angeles Poet Society and raise awareness for Foothill Unity Center. Grand prize of \$500 cash and other awards are generously donated by sponsors. \$10 Students, \$20 Adults. Part of the **Black Box Series** made possible by Katy Hsieh Foundation.

Journey & Pat Benatar Tribute by DSB & Live From Earth

May 4, 2019| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Top-tier tribute bands DSB and Live From Earth performs two epic American rock icons of all time: Journey and four-time Grammy Award winning Pat Benatar! Get up on your feet and jam to one classic hit after another. California Children's Choir proudly opens for both bands. Mezzanine \$20 to VIP \$60 with artist meet-and-greet. Part of the **Legacy Series**.

Makoto Taiko: 20th Annual Concert

June 8, 2019| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

June 9, 2019| 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cultural treasure Makoto Taiko's awe-inspiring performance of traditional Japanese taiko drumming is a powerful experience for all cultures and the entire family to enjoy. Tickets \$15 to VIP \$40 with artist meet-and-greet. Part of the **International Series**.

Father's Day Magic Show ft. Gary Peterson

June 16, 2019| 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

June 16, 2019| 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Grand illusionist Gary Peterson's Vegas-style magic show takes 2 semi-rigs and 4 days to load. His immersive storytelling, world-class illusionists, and talented dance troupe create an unforgettable Father's Day Magic Show. Now in its third year, this popular annual fundraiser for Arcadia High School Stagecraft features fantastic feats and daring tricks. It's a magical night for those of any age! Dress Circle \$20 to VIP \$50 with artist meet-and-greet. Part of the **Family Series**.

Americana Festival: Johnny Cash Tribute by James Garner

June 27, 2019| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Iconoclastic Johnny Cash was featured in the Country Music Hall of Fame, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and Songwriters Hall of Fame. Enjoy the "Man in Black" all over again by nationally-renowned James Garner and his band inside the main hall after you browse through the spectacular classic car show outside. Mezzanine \$20 to VIP \$60. Part of the **Legacy Series**.

5th Annual International Dance Festival

July 12, 2019| 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dance the night away with international food, music, karaoke, and dancing from around the world! This free festival celebrates its 5th-year with raffles, bingo, games, and dancing under the stars. Part of the **International Series** with City of Arcadia and Arcadia Unified School District.

STEAM + M Festival

August 24, 2019| 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Creativity brings technology to life at the free Arcadia STEAM + M Festival. Jedi Training Academy, music, dancing, and hoopers light up tech booths, engineering challenges, and hands-on science workshops. Kona Shaved Ice, grilled bacon hot dogs, nachos, and cool raffle prizes top off a fun summer evening. Part of the **Family Series** with City of Arcadia.

For more information, visit <http://www.arcadiapaf.org>. For media images, visit <https://arcadiapac.pixieset.com>

About the Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation

The Arcadia Performing Arts Foundation is a non-profit community transformation organization that supports the Arcadia Performing Arts Center, arts education in the schools, and arts excellence in Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley. The busiest venue in the region with 256 days in production last year, the state-of-the-art venue features a 1,163-seat main hall, 125-seat black box theatre, outdoor courtyard for festivals, and rehearsal spaces for college preparatory classes in dance, music, and theatre.

Located adjacent to Arcadia High School, the venue is a daily classroom for 1,300 students every year. Former arts students include Stevie Nicks, Van Halen's Michael Anthony Sobolewski, NFL Hall of Famer and marching band member Bruce Matthews, and Emmy Award-winning producer of NBC's *The Voice* Barton Kimball.

Cultural programming featuring world-class artists such as Paul Anka, Herb Alpert, Four Tops, Steve Tyrell, and Vicki Lawrence have engaged the community, raised funds for education, and provided opportunities for students to build a professional portfolio. The foundation's educational programs include California Children's Choir, Black Box Series, ArtWORK job training program, and annual Arts Excellence Prize.

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