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AT WEILL HALL + LAWN AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER
Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.****Oscar-Winning Actor to Perform Classics from the American Songbook
With Full Orchestra in Rare Public Concert Performance**

(Sonoma County, CA) — Weill Hall + Lawn at the Green Music Center presents Kevin Spacey in Concert, a rare opportunity to see one of Hollywood's brightest stars singing classics from the Great American Songbook backed by a full symphony orchestra. On Saturday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m., Spacey will perform an extremely rare public concert featuring the music of Bobby Darin, Frank Sinatra, Billy Joel, Paul Simon and more, in a program further highlighted by his signature elements of comedy and celebrity impressions.

Kevin Spacey in Concert is a part of the Green Music Center Summer 2015 MasterCard Performance Series and utilizes the unique configuration of Weill Hall + Lawn, including traditional seats inside the concert hall, as well as outdoor table and lawn seating with unparalleled views of the Sonoma Mountains. Lawn patrons are encouraged to bring blankets and low-back folding chairs, and to pack a picnic or enjoy on-site concessions during the concert.

An award-winning producer and actor, Kevin Spacey currently serves as executive producer and stars as Francis Underwood in the Netflix Original series *House of Cards*; in 2015 he received both a Golden Globe Award and a Screen Actors Guild Award for this role. Spacey has won Academy Awards® for his performances in movies *The Usual Suspects* and *American Beauty*, has been nominated for Golden Globe Awards seven times and has starred in dozens of acclaimed films. He most recently completed shooting *Elvis/Nixon* starring as President Nixon opposite Michael Shannon as Elvis Presley.

In 2002, in preparation for his starring role in the Bobby Darin biopic *Beyond the Sea*, Kevin Spacey musically prepared and sang the entire role himself. In conjunction with the release of the film, Spacey performed a small number of intimate concerts, which were an immediate and overwhelming success. While his concert appearances since that time have exclusively been at high-end benefit events, fans have been able to experience his musical talents everywhere from a viral barbershop quartet performance on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*, at the 2015 Olivier Awards ceremony with soul-singer Beverly Knight, at the 2014 Library of Congress Gershwin Prize ceremony with Billy Joel, and even in Season 3 of *House of Cards*.

Dining at the Green Music Center

Dining offerings at the Green Music Center are expanded during the summer season: at the Dining Terrace, concertgoers can pair a pre-performance, three-course meal with the finest outdoor table seats (available at select concerts); pre-ordered boxed meals and small platters from San Francisco's iconic Boudin Bakery are available via the GMC website; a wide-variety of on-site concessions provide options for snacks, meals, prizewinning wines and domestic and craft beers; and Prelude Restaurant features prix fixe menus and indoor-outdoor seating all summer long. Outdoor ticket-holders may also pack a picnic and enjoy a homemade feast. (No outside liquids, including water, are permitted. Free water bottle-filling stations are available on-site.)

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About Kevin Spacey

Award-winning producer and actor Kevin Spacey serves as executive producer and stars as Frank Underwood, the beguiling, charismatic and ruthless politician, in the Netflix original series *House of Cards*. In 2015, he received both the Golden Globe Award® for Best Performance by an Actor in a Dramatic Series for season two, as well as the Screen Actors Guild award for Best Actor in a Drama Series. Spacey has won Academy Awards® for his performances in *The Usual Suspects* as Best Supporting Actor and as Best Actor for *American Beauty*, directed by Sam Mendes (which also garnered him a BAFTA Award as Best Actor). Additionally, he has been nominated for a Golden Globe Award® seven times and has starred in dozens of acclaimed films, from *Swimming with Sharks*, *Beyond the Sea*, *LA Confidential* and *Glengarry Glen Ross*. He most recently completed shooting *Elvis/Nixon*, starring as President Richard Nixon opposite Michael Shannon as Elvis Presley. He has served as executive producer on the films *The Social Network* and *Captain Phillips*. Spacey won the Evening Standard and Olivier Awards for Best Actor for his role in *The Iceman Cometh*, as well as a Tony Award® for Best Supporting Actor in Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers*. Spacey has also starred in the Broadway and West End productions of *Long Day's Journey into Night*, opposite his mentor Jack Lemmon; as well as the title role in the Sam Mendes production of *Richard III*. For the past 12 years he has served as the Artistic Director at London's famed Old Vic Theatre. In 2015, he was made a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen for his services to theatre.

About the Green Music Center

Nestled in the picturesque foothills of Northern California's esteemed wine country, the Green Music Center (GMC) is a focal point for arts in the region, with its spectacular 1400-seat Weill Hall and the recently opened 240-seat Schroeder Hall, a cathedral-like recital hall designed specifically to accentuate instruments, organ and voice in a small, intimate setting. A program of Sonoma State University, the GMC presents year-round programming of top classical, contemporary, jazz and world music artists through the MasterCard Performance Series and is home to the Santa Rosa Symphony.

About Sonoma State University

Sonoma State University is a public liberal arts college located in California's premier wine country, one hour north of San Francisco. Nestled at the base of the idyllic Sonoma Mountains, the campus is home to more than 9,000 undergraduate students and is among the most popular campuses in the California State University

system. Named a "Most Wired" campus by The Princeton Review and a "Best Regional University" by U.S. News & World Report, SSU was first in the country to offer an undergraduate degree in Wine Business.

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TICKETS and BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

TICKETS FOR KEVIN SPACEY IN CONCERT ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. | Concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Call 1.866.955.6040 or visit us online at gmc.sonoma.edu.

Tickets start at \$40 (outdoor) and \$95 (indoor).

Children 12 and under are half price on the lawn and children under 2 are free.

The Box Office is open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., and two hours prior to all concerts.

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Summer 2015 MasterCard Performance Series

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Weill Hall + Lawn | Green Music Center

Saturday, July 18, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Kevin Spacey, vocalist

Gregg Field, music director and drums

Randy Waldman, piano

Dan Warner, guitar

Carlitos Puerto, bass

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