OCTOBER 2015 IN WEILL HALL AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MASTERCARD PERFORMANCE SERIES
Pianist Lang Lang, Educational and Community Event 101 Pianists™,
The Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India,
Violinist Joshua Bell, The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble,
Afro-Cuban Jazz Artists Chucho Valdés and Pedrito Martinez

ON CAMPUS PRESENTS
Women in Leadership Lecture Series: Soccer Defender Christie Rampone
Brooklyn-Based Indie Pop Band Lake Street Dive

(Sonoma County, CA) — Sonoma State University’s Green Music Center begins the 2015–16 Season with eight October performances in the stunning 1,400-seat Weill Hall ranging from classical to jazz, world music to educational event, and indie-pop concert to inspirational lecture. Weill Hall’s fourth season, spanning from October 2015 through May 2016, includes a diverse array of world-class performers representing many genres in what is the Green Music Center’s largest and most robust season of programming in the years since its opening in 2012.

The October lineup in the MasterCard Performances Series includes a Gala Opening Night concert by superstar pianist Lang Lang, performing Tchaikovsky, Bach and Chopin (Oct. 3); 101 Pianists™, an educational event and performance featuring 100 young local pianists guided by Lang Lang’s encouraging mentorship (Oct 4); the Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India, a 17-member ensemble of musicians, acrobats and dancers led by artistic director Rahis Bharti (Oct. 16); superb violinist Joshua Bell’s first performance in Weill Hall featuring works by Vitali, Beethoven, Fauré and Saraste (Oct. 17); The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble with an evening including Rossini, Mozart and Schubert’s ever-popular Octet (Oct. 24); and Afro-Cuban jazz piano legend Chucho Valdés, celebrating the 40th anniversary of his band, Irakere, on the same night as The Pedrito Martinez Group (Oct. 25).

On-Campus Presents, a programming series that promotes co-curricular and student life events for Sonoma State University students, features the first Women in Leadership Lecture Series speaker, professional soccer defender Christie Rampone (Oct. 13); as well as a performance by Brooklyn-based indie pop band Lake Street Dive (Oct. 28.)

For more information and high-resolution downloadable photos, visit gmc.sonoma.edu/pressroom
LANG LANG
MasterCard Performance Series
Saturday, October 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Lang Lang, piano

Rising to the pinnacle of the concert world, pianist Lang Lang has inspired millions of children to take piano lessons, and has awed billions more with televised appearances from the 2008 Olympics to the Grammy® Awards, where he has performed with Herbie Hancock, Metallica and Pharrell Williams.

Program:
TCHAIKOVSKY: The Seasons
BACH: Concerto Italiano
CHOPIN: Scherzos Nos. 1–4

Tickets: $65 – $175

101 PIANISTS™
MasterCard Performance Series
Sunday, October 4, 2015, 2:00 p.m.

Lang Lang, piano and instructor
100 young Bay Area pianists

Weill Hall at the Green Music Center, in association with Lang Lang’s International Music Foundation, presents 101 Pianists, a finale concert at the culmination of an extraordinary educational journey experienced by 100 young Bay Area pianists. After months of practice, 100 talented young pianists from Sonoma, Marin, Alameda and San Francisco counties will experience the exceptional opportunity to perform together in Weill Hall with world famous pianist Lang Lang.

Program:
SCHUBERT: Marche Militaire, No. 1 in D major
BRAHMS: Hungarian Dance, No 5. in F-sharp minor

Tickets: All tickets $10
WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: CHRISTIE RAMPO
On Campus Presents
Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The Women in Leadership Lecture Series brings influential women from diverse backgrounds to Sonoma State University to share insight and perspective on the changing role of women in leadership.

Christie Rampone is an American professional soccer defender and captain of the United States women's national soccer team. She is a three-time Olympic gold medalist and a two-time FIFA Women's World Cup champion. Rampone is the oldest player to appear in a FIFA Women's World Cup game, and the second most capped player in U.S. and world history.

Tickets: $25 / Free for Sonoma State University Students

THE BOLLYWOOD MASALA ORCHESTRA AND DANCERS OF INDIA
MasterCard Performance Series
Friday, October 16, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

The Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India present their “Spirit of India” program including Dhoom Taana (from the film Om Shanti Om), Dil Na Diya (from the film Krrish), Khwaja Mere Khwaja (from the film Jodhaa Akbar), and dance sequences featuring traditional displays of dance and daredevilry including standing on swords, balancing pots and fire-breathing.

Tickets: $35 – $85

JOSHUA BELL
MasterCard Performance Series
Saturday, October 17, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Joshua Bell, violin
Sam Haywood, piano

Joshua Bell is one of the most celebrated violinists of his era, and his restless curiosity, passion, and multifaceted musical interests are almost unparalleled in the world of classical music. Equally at home as a soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and orchestra leader, he maintains a busy schedule of recitals, performances with the world’s finest orchestras, and in his position as Music Director of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields.

Program:
VITALI: Chaconne for Violin and Piano in G minor
BEETHOVEN: Violin Sonata No. 9 in A major (“Kreutzer”)
FAURÉ: Violin Sonata No. 1 in A major
SARASTE: Carmen Fantasy

Tickets: $65 – $155
THE ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
MasterCard Performance Series
Saturday, October 24, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Tomo Keller, violin and leader
Harvey De Souza, violin
Robert Smissen, viola
Stephen Orton, cello
Lynda Houghton, double bass
Timothy Orpen, clarinet
Lawrence O'Donnell, bassoon
Stephen Stirling, horn

This London-based chamber group is arguably the best-known chamber orchestra in the world, beloved internationally for its superlative live performances and recordings of the Classical period.

Program:
ROSSINI: String Sonata No. 1 in G major
MOZART: Quintet in E-flat major for Horn and Strings
SCHUBERT: Octet in F major for Winds and Strings

Tickets: $35 – $85

CHUCHO VALDÉS: IRAKERE 40
PEDRITO MARTINEZ GROUP
MasterCard Performance Series
Sunday, October 25, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Chucho Valdés, piano
Pedrito Martinez, percussion

These masters of the Afro-Cuban scene bring fireworks to the stage of Weill Hall with two shows in one night. First, Cuban percussion wizard Pedrito Martinez brings a performance sure to have you on your feet. Then, pianist Chucho Valdés revisits the music of his groundbreaking Cuban group, Irakere, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Tickets: $55 – $125
LAKE STREET DIVE
On Campus Presents

In 2014, Rolling Stone named the Brooklyn-based Lake Street Dive as one of the "10 New Artists You Need to Know" and also named lead singer Rachael Price as "Best New Voice." With a unique sound blending Southern rock, jazz, indie pop, soul and folk, Lake Street Dive has toured around the globe and has been featured on The Colbert Report, The Late Show with David Letterman, Conan and The Ellen DeGeneres Show.

Tickets: $25 – $35

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