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**Strathmore Presents
DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER
“TO BILLIE WITH LOVE: A CELEBRATION OF LADY DAY”**

A Washington Premiere Concert

N. Bethesda, Md. -- Dee Dee Bridgewater returns to Strathmore with the Washington premiere of “To Billie with Love: A Celebration of Lady Day” on Friday, November 6, 2009 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$28 - \$72. For more information or to purchase tickets call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

The American jazz singer transforms into the legendary Billie Holliday to recreate Lady Day’s interpretations of such classics as “God Bless the Child,” “All of Me,” “Lady Sings the Blues,” “When You’re Smiling” and more. See the entire song list below. She performs with musicians Edsel Gomez, piano/Musical Director, Craig Handy, reeds; Bruce Cox, drums; and Kenny Davis, bass.

Dee Dee Bridgewater portrayed Billie Holiday in the West End production of Stephen Stahl’s *Lady Day*, which earned her a Laurence Oliver award nomination for Best Actress in a Musical. She is the winner of a Tony Award (Best Featured Actress in a Musical – *The Wiz*), two Grammy Awards (1998’s Best Jazz Vocal Performance and Best Arrangement Accompanying a Vocal for *Cottontail* – Slide Hampton, arranger – and *Dear Ella*), and France’s top honor, *Victoire de la Musique* (Best Jazz Vocal Album).

In addition to her work as an ambassador of jazz, Dee Dee Bridgewater has worked as an ambassador to the United Nations’ food and agriculture organization (FAO) since 1999. Appealing for international solidarity to finance global grass-roots projects, Dee Dee Bridgewater and other FAO’s ambassadors aid in developing self-reliance in long-term conservation and management of sustainable agriculture, rural development and the conservation and management of natural resources.

About Strathmore

Strathmore is an established arts presenter and cultural destination that nurtures art, artists and community through creative and diverse programming of the highest quality and is home to the Music Center at Strathmore, a 1,976-seat concert hall and education complex. The Music Center at Strathmore, located at 5301 Tuckerman Lane in North Bethesda, MD, is immediately adjacent to the Grosvenor-Strathmore station on Metro's Red Line and is a half-mile from the Capital Beltway. For those attending a ticketed performance at the Music Center at Strathmore, parking in the Metro garage is complimentary with your ticket. For further information or tickets, call (301) 581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

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Song List

A Foggy Day in London Town
Miss Brown to You
Give Me a Pigfoot
All of Me
Them There Eyes
Lady Sings the Blues
Lover Man
Your Mother's Son In-Law
Strange Fruit
My Man
God Bless the Child

Good Morning Heartache
Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone
T'Aint Nobody's Business if I Do
Billie's Blues
When Your Smiling
What a Little Moonlight Can Do
Mean to Me
You've Changed
Don't Explain
I Can't Get Started
Violets for My Furs I'm Pulling Through

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