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**Strathmore Presents
SUZANNE VEGA AND MARC COHN**

Vega's Set Includes Love Songs from Her New Album Close Up: Volume 1, Love Songs

N. Bethesda, Md. -- Strathmore presents a double bill starring singer songwriters Suzanne Vega and Marc Cohn in the Music Center on Friday, February 12 at 8 p.m. Just in time for Valentine's Day weekend, Suzanne Vega sings from her brand new album *Close Up: Volume 1, Love Songs*. The audience will hear her new songs live only days after it is released for pre-order on February 9, and before the official release in March. Tickets are \$25 to \$48. For more information or to purchase tickets call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Vega emerged as a leading figure of the folk-music revival of the early 1980s. Known for "Luka" and "Tom's Diner," she will sing audience favorites in addition to her most recent compositions. *Close Up* is the first volume of a four part series of acoustic music. Her latest work features 12 love songs including an update on the 1986 hit song "Gypsy."

Soulful singer-songwriter Marc Cohn won millions of fans with his song "Walking in Memphis." The Grammy-award winner will sing some of his most famous songs, including tracks from his 2007 album *Join the Parade*, with poignant and moving lyrics about New Orleans after hurricane Katrina, and his recovery from a random car jacking that Cohn survived despite being shot in the head. His poetic lyrics are personal and complex, yet instantly relatable.

"Fate is kind, Fate is cruel, Fate is terminally cool. It's a random interruption, In the middle of your groove. But sometimes you gotta get down on your knees. Sometimes you better get down on your knees, and find yourself a deeper groove."

Vega will perform a 60 minute set, followed by intermission and a 75 minute set by Cohn.

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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