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**STRATHMORE ANNOUNCES 24 NEW CONCERTS FOR 2011-2012 SEASON**

**NORTH BETHESDA, MD** – Strathmore today announced the addition of 24 concerts in the Music Center and Mansion to its 2011-12 season. The crop of new concerts **raises the total number of performances for the season to 100**, growing what was already Strathmore’s most robust and full season to date.

The new additions feature 10 artists making their debut on the Music Center stage, including **Allen Toussaint and Aaron Neville, Yasmin Levy, Kevin Costner and Modern West** and the **Creole Choir of Cuba**. A suite of holiday concerts swelling Strathmore’s winter performances include **Jim Brickman, Dave Koz, the 5 Browns and the Skaggs Family. Mary Oliver and Billy Collins**, two of the most-published contemporary poets, enhance Strathmore’s menu of non-musical programming. Strathmore continues to expand its reputation as a venue for popular artists with a number of nationally-touring performers such as the **Indigo Girls** and **Bryan Adams**, typically reserved for sell-out club concerts, seeking out the superior acoustics of the Music Center.

Tickets for the Indigo Girls, Creole Choir of Cuba, Lena Seikaly, The Capital Hearings, Dave Bass, Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra and Lynn Hollifield are now on sale to the public.

All additional concerts are on sale now to Strathmore Stars, the art center’s philanthropic program that supports arts programming, education programs and community outreach projects. Tickets will be available to the general public beginning on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 10 a.m.

New concerts for the 2011-2012 season are:

**INDIGO GIRLS**

Sunday, October 9, 2011

7 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$45-\$55 (Stars Price \$40.50 - \$49.50)

The Grammy-winning folk/roots rock duo makes its Strathmore debut with new material from the just-released album *Beauty Queen Sister*. With 12 million records sold and 14 albums, the iconic duo brings an, “alchemical vocal blend and insight into the ways of the heart. Ray’s compellingly husky alto meshed

with Salier's glimmering higher pipes...were made for each other, in a generous original repertoire...lovely" (*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*).

**CREOLE CHOIR OF CUBA**

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

8 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$18-\$38 (Stars Price \$16.20-\$34.20)

This voice-and-percussion choir is made up of Cuban descendents of Haitians who have preserved their language and traditions across centuries. Blending ancient traditions with gospel and folk music, this vibrant company has developed their own style that is "sleek, theatrical, socially conscious and full of joyful life. The performers have eye-popping, African-patterned costumes and strutting, hip-grinding dance moves...exhilarating" (*The New York Times*).

**LYNN HOLLYFIELD, SINGER-SONGWRITER**

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Mansion at Strathmore

Tickets \$15 (Stars Price \$13.50)

Lynn Hollyfield blends her "seraphic vocals... [with] crisp guitar work" (Washington Post) in this concert that surveys the musician's nuanced contemporary folk, blues, pop and jazz influences.

**ALLEN TOUSSAINT**

**AARON NEVILLE QUINTET**

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

8 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$35-\$55 (Stars Price \$31.50-\$49.50)

Allen Toussaint's soul-of-New-Orleans sound helped set the mood for HBO's series *Treme*, and has been featured on recordings with artists such as Paul McCartney, Elvis Costello and Paul Simon. This concert reunites Toussaint with musical partner, Aaron Neville, whose new gospel album *I Know I've Been Changed* features their most recent collaboration.

**A SKAGGS FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
FEATURING THE WHITE FAMILY**

Thursday, December 1, 2011

8 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$28-\$68 (Stars Price \$25.20-\$61.20)

Fourteen-time Grammy winner Ricky Skaggs makes this holiday season a family affair, marshalling the members of his own gifted family as well as his in-laws, the bluegrass masters the White Family. Staple carols of the holiday season such as "Little Drummer Boy," "What Child is This?," "The Christmas Guest" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" will be imbued with the mountain sound of bluegrass.

**5 BROWNS HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Friday, December 2, 2011

8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$21–\$58 (Stars Price \$18.90–\$52.20)

Dubbed the “Fab Five” by *People* magazine, this talented group of piano-playing siblings has sent three CDs to the top of *Billboard* Magazine’s Classical Album chart. *The New York Post* proclaimed: “One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest classical music sensation in years.” The 5 Browns share their musical gifts with audiences at Strathmore this holiday, with seasonal music from Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Mozart to Richard Rodgers and *Peanuts* composer Vince Guaraldi.

**DAVE KOZ AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS TOUR 2011**

*Co-Presented with Blues Alley*  
Monday, December 5, 2011  
8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$38–\$72 (Stars Price \$34.20–\$64.80)

Smooth Jazz master Dave Koz and his cadre of talented friends, Rich Braun, Jonathan Butler and Candy Dulfer, spread their own blend of Smooth Christmas cheer with songs from Koz’s classic holiday albums *December Makes Me Feel This Way*, *A Smooth Jazz Christmas by Dave Koz & Friends* and *Memories of a Winter’s Night*.

**DAVE BASS, GOSPEL SINGER**

Wednesday, December 7, 2011  
7:30 p.m.  
Mansion at Strathmore  
Tickets \$15 (Stars Price \$13.50)

Singer-songwriter Dave Bass soothes with traditional gospel. Arch Campbell compares his sound to Sam Cooke; audiences adore his original gospel compositions and his takes on classics.

**JIM BRICKMAN  
A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, December 7, 2011  
8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$35–\$55 (Stars Price \$31.50–\$49.50)

Holiday favorites that have drawn revelers around the piano for decades will be inflected with solo pianist Jim Brickman’s signature “rhapsodic melodies coupled with considerable stage charm” (*Boston Herald*). He will be joined by special musical guests singers Anne Cochran and Benjamin Utecht, and electric violinist Tracy Silverman.

**RAMSEY LEWIS:  
SUN GODDESS TOUR**

Friday, December 9, 2011  
8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$28–\$68 (Stars Price \$25.20–\$61.20)

The jazzman extraordinaire, winner of three Grammys and seven gold records, revisits his classic '70s album *The Sun Goddess* with his electric band—guitarist Henry Johnson, keyboard player Michael Logan, drummer Charles Heath and bassist Joshua Ramos.

**THE CAPITAL HEARINGS, A CAPPELLA**

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15 (Stars Price \$13.50)

With repertoire ranging from Renaissance motets to modern hits, this dynamic a cappella ensemble will share renditions of seasonal favorites with vocal jazz and contemporary arrangements.

**LENA SEIKALY**

**HOLIDAY JAZZ STANDARDS**

Friday, December 16, 2011

11 a.m.

Mansion at Strathmore

Tickets \$15 (Stars Price \$13.50)

Songs of the holidays will be delivered with style by “buzzed-about vocalist Lena Seikaly, whose lush mezzo-soprano and clever phrasing have made her one of the local jazz scene’s most promising performers” (*The Washington Post*).

**BOHEMIAN CAVERNS JAZZ ORCHESTRA:**

**A BOHEMIAN CHRISTMAS**

*Sponsored by Asbury Methodist Village*

Sunday, December 18, 2011

5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Mansion at Strathmore

Tickets \$20 (Stars Price \$18)

The Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra celebrates the holiday season with new arrangements and selections from the Stan Kenton and Claude Thornhill songbooks and features the entire “Nutcracker Suite” adaptation by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn.

**THE MUSIC PILGRIM TRIO, TRADITIONAL JEWISH MUSIC**

**Vladimir Fridman, guitar; Seth Kibel, winds; Bob Abbott, bass**

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Mansion at Strathmore

Tickets \$15 (Stars Price \$13.50)

The three musicians of this trio bring together three different worlds, adeptly moving through classical, jazz and traditional music of different countries with improvisational spirit, soul and true virtuosity. The trio’s program for this concert includes an assortment of Jewish music— Israeli, Klezmer Freilakhs and Bulgars and Yiddish songs, as well as original compositions with Jewish, jazz and Latin-American flavor.

**BRYAN ADAMS**

**THE BARE BONES TOUR**

Monday, January 23, 2012

8 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$45–\$65 (Stars Price \$40.50–\$58.50)

Chart-topper Bryan Adams brings his signature '80s pop-rock sound to the Music Center stage with a stripped-down acoustic versions of his new work and iconic classics, including “Summer of 69,” “Heaven” and “Run to You.”

**YASMIN LEVY  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST OMAR FARUK TEKBILEK**

Tuesday, February 14, 2012  
8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$38 (Stars Price \$34.20)

This Valentine’s concert brings Yasmin Levy’s blend of Ladino, the Judeo-Spanish music of Spain, with the fiery passion of flamenco, using “every colour and pitch in her remarkable range...the resulting vocal pyrotechnics are unforgettable” (*Songlines*). She will share the stage with legendary Turkish artist Omar Faruk Tekbilek.

**HOT 8 NEW ORLEANS  
DANCE PARTY**

Thursday, February 23, 2012  
8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$28 (Stars Price \$25.20)

New Orleans’ own Hot 8 Brass Band has epitomized New Orleans street music for over a decade. The band plays the traditional Second Line parades, hosted each Sunday afternoon by Social Aid and Pleasure Clubs, infusing their performances with the funk and energy that has defined New Orleans’ quintessential sound.

**REEL AROUND THE SHAMROCK  
WITH EILEEN IVERS AND IMMIGRANT SOUL  
With the Culin School of Traditional Irish Dance, Brenden Mulvihill and Billy McComiskey**

Thursday, March 15, 2012  
8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$25–\$55 (Stars Price \$22.50–\$49.50)

Eileen Ivers has earned the title “the Jimi Hendrix of the violin” (*The New York Times*). For this St. Patrick’s Day concert the virtuoso and her allstar band, Immigrant Soul, present quintessential Celtic music.

**KEVIN COSTER AND MODERN WEST**

Thursday, April 5, 2011  
8 p.m.  
Music Center at Strathmore  
Tickets \$35–\$125 (Stars Price \$31.50–\$112.50)

Perhaps best known for his hit films *The Bodyguard*, *Field of Dreams* and *Dances with Wolves*, Costner brings the same star quality to the stage with his band, Modern West. His music career predates his

celebrated acting career, and was sparked by meeting musical collaborator John Coinman in Los Angeles. Modern West marks the reunion of this musical duo, with Teddy Morgan, Larry Cobb and Park Chisolm.

### **VIDEO GAMES LIVE**

#### **With the National Philharmonic Orchestra**

Saturday, April 7, 2012

2 & 8 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$25–\$76 (Stars Price \$22.50–\$68.40)

This immersive concert event, a sellout smash in Strathmore's 2010–11 season, features music from the most popular video games of all time. Top orchestras and choirs perform along with exclusive video footage and music arrangements, synchronized lighting, solo performers, electronic percussionists, live action and unique interactive segments to create a concert for gamers of all ages.

### **THE MUSIC OF BILL MONROE**

#### **WITH PETER ROWAN, TONY RICE AND THE TRAVELIN' MCCOURYS**

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

8 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$25–\$55 (Stars Price \$22.50–\$49.50)

The stars of American roots music come together onstage to celebrate the centenary Father of Bluegrass, Bill Monroe. The show features the Travelin' McCourys (talented sons of the great Del McCoury), singer-songwriter Peter Rowan and Tony Rice, a virtuoso of the flat-picked acoustic guitar.

### **2012 SPRING GALA AT STRATHMORE**

#### **DIONNE WARWICK**

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$35–\$85 (Stars Price \$31.50–\$76.50)

Over her more than 40-year career, Dionne Warwick has established herself as an international musical legend. Her reputation as a hit maker has been firmly etched into public consciousness, with more than 50 charted hits including "Don't Make Me Over," "Do You Know the Way to San Jose" and "Walk on By." Strathmore's 2012 Spring Gala will survey this icon's abundance of hits and Grammy-winning singles.

### **BILLY COLLINS AND MARY OLIVER**

Sunday, April 22, 2012

7 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$45–\$75 (Stars Price \$40.50–\$67.50)

Dubbed "the most popular poet in America" by Bruce Weber in *The New York Times*, former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins is famous for conversational, humorous and witty poetry. Pulitzer Prize winner Mary Oliver has been writing and performing her special brand of poetry, theatre and music since the 1980s.

### **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOSCOW SOLOISTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

**WITH YURI BASHMET AND MISCHA MAISKY**

*Co-Presented with Maestro Artist Management*

Friday, April 27, 2012

8 p.m.

Music Center at Strathmore

Tickets \$35–\$95 (Stars Price \$31.50–\$85.50)

Described by *The Times* (London) as “without doubt, one of the world’s greatest living musicians,” Yuri Bashmet is the pre-eminent viola player of the modern age, and the founder and director of the Grammy Award-winning Russian orchestra Moscow Soloists. The ensemble celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2012 with a concert of Mozart, Haydn, Tchaikovsky and Brahms. For their Strathmore debut, they are joined by Latvian star cellist Mischa Maisky.

**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 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. All Music in the Mansion concerts are held in the Dorothy M. and Maurice C. Shapiro Music Room in the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD. Parking is available on site for all Mansion performances. For more information, call (301) 581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

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**Strathmore Venues**

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