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Weinberg's Live! Series to Feature Jazz Vocalist Alicia Olatuja

FREDERICK, Md., Monday, January 8, 2018 — Hailed by “The New York Times” for her “strong, lustrous tone and amiably regal presence onstage,” jazz vocalist Alicia Olatuja is set to perform at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on February 2 at 8:00pm. With a knack for musical storytelling that floats effortlessly between jazz, soul, gospel, and more, the engagement marks Olatuja’s Frederick debut.

Tickets begin at \$25 and may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, by calling the Box Office at 301.600.2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick St. Discounts are available for students, children, military, and seniors.

Originally from St. Louis, Alicia Olatuja grew up immersed in a wide range of musical styles, including gospel, soul, jazz, and classical. She graduated with a Master’s degree in Classical Voice/Opera from the Manhattan School of Music, and after appearing in numerous operatic and musical theater productions, she began to perform more regularly in gospel and jazz concerts. She came into the national spotlight in 2013 when she performed as the featured soloist with the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir at the second inauguration of President Barack Obama. Olatuja’s first solo album “Timeless” was released in 2014. That same year, she caught the attention of acclaimed composer/arranger/pianist Billy Childs who brought her on to the touring incarnation of “Map to the Treasure: Reimagining Laura Nyro.” She has also worked with renowned artists such as Chaka Khan, BeBe Winans, and Christian McBride. She was a featured vocalist on the title track to Gregory Porter’s 2017 GRAMMY®-winning album “Take Me to the Alley.” In August 2016, Olatuja was the featured soloist at the Cabrillo Music Festival, performing Osvaldo Golijov’s “Oceana,” under the direction of Marin Alsop. More recently, she has continued touring with her band, performing at the Jazz Standard, Vermont Jazz Center, Sioux Falls JazzFest, Rockport Jazz Festival, Markham Jazz Festival, Monty Alexander Jazz Fest, Rochester International Jazz Festival, Saratoga Jazz Festival, and the Harlem Stage Gatehouse.

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2017-2018 season can be found at WeinbergCenter.org.

ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region’s premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick, Md., the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made possible with major support from the City of Frederick, the Maryland State Arts Council, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, and other corporate and individual donors.

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