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Parody of HBO's "Game of Thrones" to take the Stage at the Weinberg

FREDERICK, Md., Thursday, February 1, 2018 — Daenerys, Tyrion, Joffrey, and other memorable characters will take the stage at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on Sunday, February 18 for the regional premiere of "Musical Thrones: A Parody of Ice and Fire." The musical parody of HBO's "Game of Thrones" is written by Jon and Al Kaplan; the brothers responsible for the Off-Broadway hit "Silence! The Musical." The performance is scheduled for 7:00pm.

Tickets begin at \$20 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.

Brothers Jon Kaplan and Al Kaplan are composers, lyricists and writers. In addition to "Musical Thrones," they created "Silence! The Musical," a stage version of "The Silence of the Lambs," that has played in London, New York City, and Los Angeles. They are also the creators of the YouTube channel Legolambs, which features musicalizations of various Arnold Schwarzenegger movies such as "Conan the Barbarian," "Predator" and "Commando." The brothers also co-wrote and scored the 2014 film "Zombeavers."

The brothers moved to Los Angeles in 1996 to study concert composition and film music at USC, graduating in 1999 and 2000, respectively. They created "Silence! The Musical", as a labor of love in late 2002. What began as a set of nine songs eventually became a website with a cult following in 2003. "Silence!" was covered in magazines including Entertainment Weekly and Maxim, and aired on radio shows like XM's Opie and Anthony and Howard Stern's 100. In 2005, Jon and Al composed several new songs and expanded "Silence!" into a live musical, adapted for the stage by Tony-nominee Hunter Bell. The show was mounted by director and Tony-winner Christopher Gattelli at the 2005 NYC Fringe festival, where it won the "Overall Excellence Award" for Outstanding Musical. In 2010, "Silence!" re-opened in London; the following summer, the show opened Off Broadway at Theatre 80 to rave reviews. The run was extended for three months, after which "Silence!" transferred to The 9th Space Theater at Performance Space 122, and subsequently to the Elektra Theatre. The show also played a three-and-a-half-month run at the Hayworth Theatre in Los Angeles in the fall of 2012, and went on to win a Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Score.

In addition to "Silence!," the Kaplans have composed music for the NBC reality show "Starting Over," a John Ford silent film entitled "Just Pals," and a series of Walt Disney web advertisements. The Kaplans also wrote two seasons worth of Super Nintendo-style underscore for G4's cartoon series "Code Monkeys." In 2009, the brothers wrote comedy (not music) for the MTV Movie Awards, and arranged Andy Samberg's "Lonely Island Medley," which was performed by LeAnn

Rimes, Chris Isaakm, and Forest Whitaker. They have also scored “The Hills Have Thighs,” “Piranhaconda,” and “Dinocroc vs. Supergator.”

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

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