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***Weinberg's Pay-What-You-Want Series Continues with Cyrille Aimée***

FREDERICK, Md., Thursday, February 16, 2018 — With a musical journey that began in the Gypsy camps of France, jazz and pop vocalist Cyrille Aimée will take the stage at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 1 at 7:30pm. The performance continues the Weinberg Center's Tivoli Discovery Series, which presents emerging artists of varying genres.

The Tivoli Discovery Series is pay-what-you-want with a suggested donation of \$10. Tickets may be reserved in advance at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org), by calling 301.600.2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick Street. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Cyrille Aimée was first exposed to jazz while growing up in the village Samois-sur-Seine—home of the Django Reinhardt Festival celebrating the legendary gypsy guitarist. As a teenager, she attended the American School of Modern Music in Paris, and she was selected as a finalist for “Star Academy,” the French equivalent of “American Idol.” In 2007, Aimée entered the Montreux Jazz Voice Competition and won; the prize included the financing of her first full-length recording, “Cyrille Aimée & the Surreal Band.” Shortly thereafter, Aimée was invited to fill in for the lead vocalist of the French supergroup Caravan Palace during their European tour. In recent years, Aimée has created several self-produced recordings, including duet projects with Brazilian guitarist Diego Figueiredo. She won the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition in 2012, the same year she released the self-produced, “Live at Birdland.” Aimée's talents also caught the attention of Stephen Sondheim, who cast her in an Encores Special Presentation starring Bernadette Peters at New York City's City Center in November 2013. She was also a finalist in the Thelonious Monk Vocal Competition.

The Tivoli Discovery Series is sponsored by the Tivoli Society of the Weinberg Center for the Arts. A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2017-2018 season can be found at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://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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