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New Orleans-Style Jazz Comes to Frederick with Sammy Miller and The Congregation

FREDERICK, Md., Friday, February 23, 2018— The Weinberg Center for the Arts' Live! Series continues with the GRAMMY®-nominated drummer Sammy Miller and his five-piece ensemble The Congregation on Saturday, March 17 at 8:00pm. Branded by The SF Weekly as “brassy, stomp your feet and dance music... [with] the raw uplifting vibe of a New Orleans street parade,” the group is on a mission to put the generosity and joy back into jazz.

Tickets begin at \$15 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.

A native of Los Angeles, GRAMMY® nominated drummer and bandleader Sammy Miller is known for his unique maturity and relentless focus on making feel-good music. Upon completing his Master's at The Juilliard School, Sammy formed The Congregation. The band is focused on sharing the power of community through their music, aptly nicknamed “joyful jazz.” Independently, the band members have performed/recorded with a variety of notable artists, including Wynton Marsalis, O.A.R, Iron and Wine, Joshua Redman, Lee Fields, and Jason Moran. They have graced a number of prominent venues, including the White House, Lincoln Center, and the Hollywood Bowl. In spite of their individual accolades, the band members have opted to stick together to create globally conscious music with the intention to spread joy throughout the world. Miller, along with trumpet player Alphonso Horne, were nominated for a GRAMMY® Award for Best Instrumental Jazz Album on the record "My Favorite Things" under the leadership of pianist Joey Alexander. “Vanity Fair” featured The Congregation in The Jazz Youth-Quake: Others on the Upswing. The Bluegrass Situation named The Congregation's rendition of "Mahogany Hall Stomp" their Song of The Week and premiered their "Tennessee Waltz" music video.

This engagement of Sammy Miller & the Congregation is sponsored by Music & Arts, and is made possible through the Jazz Touring Network program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. .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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