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**KAIA KATER BRINGS OLD-TIME BANJO SKILLS AND JAZZ-FUELED VOICE TO THE WEINBERG STAGE**

FREDERICK, MD, October 2, 2018 — Born of African-Caribbean descent in Québec, Kaia Kater grew up between the worlds of Canadian folk music and Appalachian music. This diverse background has shaped her unique sound which she brings to the Weinberg Stage on November 1, 2018.

Kater's performance is funded by the Mid Atlantic Tours program of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment of the Arts. This funding and a grant from the Tivoli Society have made this performance part of the Pay-What-You-Want Discovery Series. Suggested donation is \$10. Tickets may be purchased online at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org), by calling the Box Office at 301-600-2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick St.

Kater's vastly different life experiences growing up undoubtedly shaped her as the artist she is today. Born of African-Caribbean descent, she experienced her family's deep ties to Canadian folk music in her Toronto home and then spent years studying Appalachian music in West Virginia. Her acclaimed debut album "Sorrow Bound" touched on that divide but her sophomore album "Nine Pin" delved even further, examining the realities faced by people of color every day. The album includes hard-hitting songs that touch on issues like the Black Lives Matter movement and more personal narratives speaking to life and love in the digital age, all coming together as a collection of moments that point to an artist wise beyond her years. It should come as no surprise that her rich low tenor vocals, jazz-influenced instrumentation, and beautifully understated banjo playing on "Nine Pin" earned her a Canadian Folk Music Award in 2016. Tom Power from CBC Radio 2, describes her album as "One of the most remarkable Canadian folk records in some time . . . Kater's music is somehow ancient and brand new at the same time."

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2018-2019 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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