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Actor and Literacy Advocate LeVar Burton Comes to the Frederick Speaker Series

FREDERICK, MD, Monday, March 25, 2019 — Still influencing new generations after more than three decades of groundbreaking work, advocacy and honors, LeVar Burton will take the Weinberg Center stage Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:30 PM as part of the 2019 Frederick Speaker Series.

Tickets begin at \$35 and may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, by calling the Box Office at 301-600-2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick Street. Discounts are available for students, children, military, and seniors.

As both an actor and literacy advocate, [LeVar Burton](#) has captured the admiration of both his audiences and his industry peers for three decades. He continues to enjoy rare longevity in the entertainment business. Burton launched his acting career as Kunta Kinte in the landmark television series “Roots,” which landed him on the cover of Time magazine at the age of 19. Shortly thereafter he achieved further global acclaim as Chief Engineer Geordi LaForge in the “Star Trek: The Next Generation” television series and feature films. From 1983 until 2009 he was host and producer of the beloved Peabody Award-winning PBS children’s series “Reading Rainbow.” He recently reimagined the iconic series through his company RRRKidz. The all-new Reading Rainbow app is the number one educational app on iTunes, delivering hundreds of quality books and video field trips to hundreds of thousands of children. Burton has received 12 Emmy Awards, a Grammy and five NAACP Image Awards. He continues to produce, act and direct in addition to being an advocate for literacy and education.

For your convenience a link to the artist’s photo can be found below.

[LeVar Burton photo](#)

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