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Gangstagrass Brings Unique Bluegrass Hip-Hop Fusion to Weinberg Stage



FREDERICK, MD, January 27, 2022 — Gangstagrass brings their rowdy, vibrant, and socially conscious music to the Weinberg Center stage Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 7:30 PM as part of the Tivoli Discovery Series, an emerging artist concert series featuring up and coming artists.

Tickets are \$10 online or pay-what-you-want at the door. Tickets may be purchased online at WeinbergCenter.org, or by calling the box office at 301-600-2828.

Blending bluegrass and hip-hop may seem like an unlikely recipe for success, but don't tell that to Rench, the mastermind behind the Emmy-nominated bluegrass/hip-hop outfit Gangstagrass. Gangstagrass began as a solo project in 2006 when lead member, Rench, began releasing music online from his home studio in Brooklyn. What began as a side project, combining his lifelong love of hip hop and bluegrass, pioneered a new genre of music that garnered thousands of streams over the course of four years. Major network FX liked what they heard too, and in 2010 it recruited Rench to create the commercial track for the network's new show *Justified*. When the show finally launched, rapper T.O.N.E-z joined in on the deal with the lyrical track for Rench's original melodies creating the title theme song "Long Hard Times to Come." The song has reached over 3 million streams since its release and Gangstagrass has been expanding with it. The band has released 2 studio albums and now consists of 5 members, Rench (vocals/guitar/beats), Dan Whitener (banjo/vocals), Brian Farrow (fiddle/vocals), R-Son The Voice of Reason (vocals), and Dolio The Sleuth (vocals).

For your convenience below are links to photos and video of the artists.

https://bit.ly/Gangstagrass_pics

https://bit.ly/Gangstagrass_YouTube

<https://gangstagrass.com/>

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2021-2022 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.