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Ngaiire Brings Innovative Genre Hopping Music to the Weinberg Stage



FREDERICK, MD, April 6, 2023 — <u>Ngaiire</u>, a First Nations Papua New Guinean singer/songwriter who hails from the Eastern Highlands and New Ireland provinces of Papua New Guinea, brings her electronic neo-soul, gospel, and big pop sounds to the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick, Maryland, Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 PM.

Tickets start at \$27 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.

Described by Rolling Stone as "a near perfect slice of hushed future soul, the muted synths cushioning Ngaiire's endlessly expressive vocal performance", Ngaiire-pronounced nigh-ree (rhymes with diary), has an innovative approach that has garnered her 4 ARIA award nominations (the Australian Grammys) including Artist of the Year, 4 National Live Music Awards, 3 FBi Radio SMAC Awards, and the inaugural Australian Women in Music Award for Artistic Excellence. She has collaborated with and joined other groundbreakers of sound on tour such as Sufjan Stevens, Alicia Keys, Flume, Nai Palm of Hiatus Kaiyote and Leon Bridges. In 2021, she became the first musician to play in front of the National Press Club in Canberra, the first Papua New Guinean to appear on ABC's "Play School" (Australia's "Sesame Street") and the first Papua New Guinean to be painted for the historical Archibald prize. Ngaiire may be most recognizable to US fans of the Oprah and Ava DuVernay show "Queen Sugar" with torch gospel song 'Fall Into My Arms' being featured in the penultimate episode of the second season.

For your convenience below are links to photos and the artist's website.

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A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2022-23 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.