

**Kravis Center for the Performing Arts  
Adds Broadway & TV Star Darren Criss to  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 'NIGHT OF STARS'  
Hosted by Michael Feinstein  
Saturday, February 11, at 7 pm**

(West Palm Beach, FL – November 28, 2016) The **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** today announced a major new addition to its **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NIGHT OF STARS**, which will be presented on Saturday, February 11, at 7 pm. **Darren Criss**, perhaps best known for his years co-starring in the TV hit *Glee*, is replacing the previously announced **Patti LuPone**, who is opening on Broadway this spring in the new musical *War Paint*.

The spectacular **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NIGHT OF STARS** will be hosted by master showman **Michael Feinstein** and feature an amazing line-up of award-winning performers and show biz legends including (in alphabetical order) organist **Cameron Carpenter**, actor **Alan Cumming**, singers **Denyce Graves** and **Neil Sedaka**, plus movement artists **Lil Buck** and **Jon Boogz**, **Greg Schreiner's Hollywood Revisited**, **Tap Ensemble by Nouveau Productions**, the **Kravis Center Pops Orchestra** with conductor **Sam Krieger**, and more. **Robert Pullen** is serving as director of this star-studded extravaganza that will be filled with surprises.

**Darren Criss**

Actor, musician and Emmy-nominated composer, Darren Criss stars in the upcoming Indie comedy, *Smitten*, directed by Academy award winner Barry Morrow and most recently appeared on Emmy award winning FX series, *American Horror Story*. He starred on Broadway in the title role of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, the 2014 Tony Award winning Best Musical Revival, and as J. Pierrepont Finch in *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying*. He is best known for his breakout role as Blaine Anderson on Fox's Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning series *Glee*.

The San Francisco-native is a co-founder of StarKid Productions, a Chicago-based theatre company whose works have spurred viral hits,

multiple Billboard charting cast albums, and sold-out national tours. He is the founder of the New York City's first showtunes music festival, Elsie Fest. His additional film, TV and stage credits include *Girl Most Likely* opposite Kristen Wiig and Annette Bening, *The Wind Rises*, *Web Therapy*, ABC's *Backstage with Disney on Broadway*, Michael Feinstein's New Year's Eve Special on PBS as well as hosting duties for the NewNowNext Awards and Teen Choice Awards.

"We wanted a roster of top talent to join us in paying tribute to our all-star silver anniversary celebration and Darren Criss will be a great addition to this magnificent evening," says **Lee Bell**, the Kravis Center's Senior Director of Programming.

Sponsors for the Kravis Center's **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NIGHT OF STARS** include **Stephen Brown and Jamie Stern, Henni and John Kessler, Dorothy and Sidney Kohl** and **SBA Communications Corporation**.

#### **How to Get Tickets:**

Tickets for the Kravis Center's **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NIGHT OF STARS** start at \$50 and are available for purchase online through the Kravis Center's official website at [kravis.org](http://kravis.org), by phone at 561-651-4438 or 561-651-4304, or at the Kravis Center box office, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach.

#### **About the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts: Celebrating 25 Seasons of Success, Thanks To The Community:**

This season, the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts celebrates a Quarter-Century on Stage. And while we celebrate our silver anniversary, we renew our commitment to the community to present the gold standard of excellence in the performing arts.

Today, the Kravis Center is a thriving cultural complex, serving as the gateway to downtown West Palm Beach. Thanks to so many who have and continue to support the Center; it has become one of the premier performing arts centers with a renowned national and international reputation.

The Kravis Center is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality; by offering comprehensive arts

education programs; by providing a Palm Beach County home in which local and regional arts organizations can showcase their work; and by providing an economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County. The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, please call 561-832-7469 or visit the official website at <http://www.kravis.org/>.

**Attached Jpeg:**

**Darren Criss**

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