



## **KRAVIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Offers Seven Holiday-Themed Shows for the Whole Family During Silver Anniversary Season**

### ***Kravis Center's Holiday Gift Certificate Promotion Begins November 1***

(West Palm Beach, FL – October 21, 2016) The **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** continues its star-packed 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with seven holiday-themed shows for the whole family, along with the start on November 1 of the ***Kravis Center's Holiday Gift Certificate Promotion*** – purchase \$100 or more and receive a 15 percent discount from the Kravis Center Gift Shop and Bistro Teatro Catering By The Breakers.

**November 28 at 8 pm (Monday)**

#### **Melissa Etheridge's Holiday Trio**

In a very special holiday show, Grammy Award winner Melissa Etheridge performs festive favorites from her holiday album *A New Thought For Christmas* along with her huge hits, such as *Come to My Window* and *I'm the Only One*. The Kansas native, who won an Academy Award for *I Need to Wake Up* from *An Inconvenient Truth*, continues her reign as a powerhouse rocker with her latest album, *This Is M.E.* It will be anything but a *Silent Night* for fans of this incomparable artist.

***Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall***

**Tickets start at \$20**

*With support from* **Sun-Sentinel**

**December 12 at 8 pm (Monday)**

**The Hot Sardines**

**Holiday Stomp**

The Hot Sardines, a sizzling ensemble led by pianist Evan Palazzo and singer Elizabeth Bougerol, spice up festive fare with their own unique flavor of jazz and swing from the Prohibition era and beyond. Although influenced by the likes of Louis Armstrong, Fats Waller and the Andrews Sisters, the smoldering combo cleverly reinvents yuletide classics as well as lesser-known gems, such as Ella Fitzgerald's *Santa Claus Got Stuck in My Chimney*.

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*Note: Only Orchestra and Grand Tier sections available.*

**Beyond The Stage:** Join us for a free pre-performance musical presentation at 7:15 pm in the Dreyfoos Hall lobby featuring *The Dolphin Traveling Chorus* from SeaWind Elementary School. *Beyond the Stage* sponsored by **Nancy and Jay Parker**.

**December 14 at 7:30 pm (Wednesday)**

**A Seraphic Fire Christmas:**

**On Winter's Night**

**James K. Bass, Associate Conductor**

Revel in the rich sounds of Gregorian chant and glorious carols amid the glow of candlelight as the angelic voices of South Florida's Grammy-nominated ensemble, Seraphic Fire, present a traditional Christmas concert, *On Winter's Night*. The internationally renowned choir, praised for its perfect tone and musical panache, will mix centuries-old devotional works with contemporary festive fare, and also will unwrap three world-premiere carol settings by Susan LaBarr.

**Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Playhouse**

**Tickets \$45**

*Sponsored by Karin and John Strasswimmer*

**December 16 at 7:30 pm (Friday)**

**This Wonderful Life**

Brilliantly acted by Jeremy Kendall, this poignant and uplifting one-man play, based on the iconic 1946 holiday film, *It's a Wonderful Life*, revisits more than 32 memorable characters in a compelling demonstration of physical and verbal virtuosity. Kendall portrays the

Jimmy Stewart-inspired George Bailey; his guardian angel, Clarence; and the lovable Bedford Falls townsfolk who rely on Bailey to save them from the greedy Mr. Potter.

**Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Playhouse**

**Tickets \$39**

**December 16 at 8 pm (Friday)**

### **Beach Boys Christmas**

*Little Saint Nick* has a big surprise in his sled – the Beach Boys Christmas! *Wouldn't It Be Nice* to join the iconic group that has been grooving for more than 50 years as they *Do It Again*, this time adding festive favorites to an already *Fun, Fun, Fun* repertoire? Founding Beach Boy Mike Love and group veteran Bruce Johnston lead a high-spirited show that ensures you'll have a *Merry Christmas, Baby*.

**Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall**

**Tickets start at \$30**

*Sponsored by Nina and Edgar Otto*

*With support from WPEC CBS12*

**Beyond The Stage:** *Join us for a free pre-performance musical presentation at 7:15 pm in the Dreyfoos Hall lobby featuring Boca Elementary School's Eaglet Singers, Eagle Singers and Chime Ringers. Beyond the Stage sponsored by Nancy and Jay Parker.*

**December 23 at 2 pm & 7 pm (Friday)**

### **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer:**

#### **The Musical**

*(Family Fare)*

The beloved TV classic *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical* soars off the screen and onto the stage this holiday season. See all of your favorite characters as they come to life in this show. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special.

**Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall**

**Tickets start at \$20**

**January 1 at 8 pm (Sunday)**

### **Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert**

#### **The Strauss Symphony of America**

**Christoph Campestrini, Conductor (Vienna)**

**Monika Rebholz, Soprano** (Vienna)

**Franz Gürtelschmied, Tenor** (Vienna)

**Featuring dancers from Kiev-City Ballet and International  
Champion Ballroom Dancers**

More celebratory than a glass of champagne, Salute to Vienna's 20th Anniversary New Year's Concert is a delight for the eyes and the ears. This New Year's Day, a stunning new program featuring Strauss waltzes and sweeping melodies will be performed by a full orchestra, acclaimed European singers, and ballet and ballroom dancers. Fall for the *Blue Danube* waltz all over again.

*Presented by the Kravis Center and Attila Glatz Concert Productions*

**Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall**

**Tickets start at \$29**

*Sponsored by Margaretta Taylor*

**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 Jpegs:**

+ **Melissa Etheridge**

+ **The Hot Sardines** (*Photo Credit: LeAnn Mueller*)

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