



KRAVIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Continues 25th Anniversary Season with Six Spectacular and Memorable Musical Events

- **Spotlight on Young Musicians – May 5**
- **Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel Performance Group – May 5-6**
 - ***THE SOUND OF MUSIC* – May 9-14**
 - **Trevor Noah – June 3**
 - **The Gipsy Kings – June 11**
 - **Diana Ross – June 24**

(West Palm Beach, FL – April 3, 2017) With a magical, memorable, musical flourish, the **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** continues its star-packed 25th anniversary season with six spectacular concerts and shows:

MAY

May 5 at 7 pm (Friday)

Spotlight on Young Musicians

(A Kravis Center Community Outreach Event

In partnership with the Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County, the School District of Palm Beach County and the Palm Beach County Music Teachers' Association)

Crossing the threshold from practice to the stage is every music student's dream, and the Kravis Center has been helping to make that dream a reality for 25 years. Since 1992, after a youth orchestra founder and educators from two Palm Beach County groups

collaborated with the Center to create Spotlight on Young Musicians, nearly 20,000 students have performed in Dreyfoos Hall. The eagerly anticipated annual event not only showcases emerging talent but also promotes the excellent music programs within area schools.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets \$10 in Advance

\$12 Day of Performance

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May 5–6

+ Friday at 7:30 pm

+ Saturday at 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel

Performance Group

(PEAK)

Choreographer Reggie Wilson's compelling new work, *Citizen*, investigates what it means to belong and *not* belong, probing the nuanced layers that lie beneath public versus private. His Brooklyn-based performance group boldly blends contemporary dance and African traditions, drawing from the movements of blues, slave and gospel cultures to create provocative works that both honor the past and break new ground.

Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Playhouse

Tickets \$32

This PEAK performance is made possible by a grant from the

MLDauray Arts Initiative in honor of Leonard and Sophie Davis

Beyond the Stage: *Join us for a free post-performance talk by Steven Caras immediately following the May 5 performance. Beyond the Stage is sponsored by Nancy and Jay Parker.*

The presentation of Reggie Wilson/Fist and Heel Performance Group

*on May 5-6 is made possible by the **New England Foundation for the Arts' National Dance Project**, with lead funding from the **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation** and **The Andrew W. Mellon***

Foundation, with additional support from the **National Endowment for**

the Arts.

May 9–14

+ Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8 pm

+ Wednesday, Saturday at 2 pm & 8 pm

+ Sunday at 2 pm

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

(Kravis On Broadway)

The hills are alive again! A brand new production of *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*, directed by three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O'Brien, is coming to the Kravis Center. The beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony®, Grammy® and Academy Award® winning Best Score, including *My Favorite Things*, *Edelweiss* and the title song.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$29

Kravis on Broadway sponsored by Carolyn Metskas

Beyond The Stage: Join us on the following dates and times for the Sounds of the Kravis Center Choir Festival – free pre-performance musical presentations in the Dreyfoos Hall Lobby.

+ May 9 at 7:15 pm: Kravis Center Young Singers Afterschool Connection

+ May 10 at 1:15 pm: CCA Fine Arts Students

+ May 10 at 7:15 pm: Plumosa School of the Arts' K-2 Chorus

+ May 11 at 7:15 pm: Egret Lake Elementary School Chorus

+ May 12 at 7:15 pm: Loxahatchee Groves Elementary Chorus

+ May 13 at 1:15 pm: Broadway Reach

+ May 13 at 7:15 pm: Lake Worth High School Trojan Pride Chorus

+ May 14 at 1:15 pm: CMT – Children's Musical Theater

Beyond the Stage is sponsored by Nancy and Jay Parker.

JUNE

June 3 at 8 pm (Saturday)

Trevor Noah

Trevor Noah is the most successful comedian in Africa and is the host of the Emmy® and Peabody® Award-winning *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central. This year *The Daily Show* has been nominated for a Writers Guild Award (Comedy/Variety Series). Noah joined *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* in 2014 as a contributor. He will debut his ninth

new comedy special *Afraid of the Dark* on Tuesday, February 21 on Netflix. The special was shot before a packed house in New York City at the Beacon Theatre on November 5, 2016. Last year, Noah debuted his one-hour stand-up special, *Trevor Noah: Lost in Translation*, on Comedy Central. Noah was the subject of David Paul Meyer's award-winning documentary film *You Laugh But It's True*, which tells the story of his remarkable career in post-apartheid South Africa. His Showtime comedy special, *Trevor Noah: African American*, premiered in 2013. He was nominated for "Personality of the Year" at the 2014 and 2015 MTV Africa Music Awards and won the award in 2015. Trevor's success has also spanned to sold out shows over five continents.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$39.50

June 11 at 8 pm (Sunday)

The Gipsy Kings featuring

Nicolas Reyes & Tonnino Baliardo

Melding deep-heated flamenco, rumba, salsa and pop to the tune of 20 million albums sold, the Grammy Award-winning hit-makers behind "Bamboléo" continue to celebrate in their very own, blistering tradition. Uniting the family Reyes and the family Baliardo, The Gipsy Kings continue a tradition that has drawn famous fans such as Picasso, Cocteau, Dali and Chaplin. From playing on the streets of Cannes and the hedonistic heights of St. Tropez, breaking world music barriers as one of the rare groups to climb the US and World music charts. Now bringing the party back to the United States, The Gipsy Kings will raise the roof with dance-ready furor, returning to their groundbreaking eponymous album and the nomadic spirit that has led them to their latest, *Savor Flamenco* – giving audiences the "deep shout at the heart of our community."

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Tickets start at \$29

June 24 at 8 pm (Saturday)

Diana Ross

In the Name of Love Tour

With Special Guest Rhonda Ross

Beginning in the 60s as lead singer of the world-renowned group, The Supremes, Diana Ross achieved the unprecedented feat of 12 #1 singles in the U.S. becoming the most successful American group in history. She then went on to achieve six #1 singles as a solo artist. In the U.S. alone, Diana has tallied 31 Top Ten singles and 14 Top Ten Albums, selling over 100 million units around the globe, to date. When *Endless Love* hit #1 in 1981, Diana became the first female artist in music history to place six single at the top of the *Billboard* Hot 100 chart. Other chart-topping hits include *Stop! In The Name of Love*, *You Can't Hurry Love*, *You Keep Me Hangin' On*, *Ain't No Mountain High Enough* and many more. As lead singer of The Supremes, Diana helped shape the sound of popular music, changing the landscape and paved way for contemporary music. Her love of life, never-ending wonder, the appreciation of goals and achievements and sheer human spirit define the artist that is Diana Ross and continue to make her one of the most identifiable, unique, beloved and influential singers of successive pop generations. Singer-songwriter Rhonda Ross is an international Social-Artist, who explores the social environment around her and her relationship to it - questioning constructions of race, gender, sexuality and spirituality through her lyrics.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$49

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:

1. *THE SOUND OF MUSIC*
2. Trevor Noah
3. The Gipsy Kings
4. Diana Ross

For Additional Photos:

To download accompanying images or video, go to the Kravis Center's online pressroom at <http://pressroom.kravis.org>.

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