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NEIMAN MARCUS PALM BEACH TO HOST FASHION FILLED EVENING IN HONOR OF KRAVIS CENTER'S 25th ANNIVERSARY SEASON "NIGHT OF STARS" GALA

Gala supporters will enjoy reception and an exclusive fashion show from designer Monique Lhuillier

(PALM BEACH, Fla.) Neiman Marcus Palm Beach, a longtime sponsor of the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts' annual Gala, will be hosting a designer kickoff reception on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, in honor of the Kravis Center 25th Anniversary Season "Night of Stars" Gala, its leadership and supporters. The special fashion show will take center stage with current designs by world-renowned designer Monique Lhuillier.

The Kravis Center's Gala will be chaired by Monika Preston and Kathryn Vecellio, both of Palm Beach. Alexander Dreyfoos, William Meyer and Jane Mitchell are serving as Honorary Chairs.

"Neiman Marcus Palm Beach along with Vice President and General Manager, Beth Pine, have been long-time partners of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts," said Mrs. Vecellio. "Their support over the years has had a profound influence on the annual Gala, which raises funds for performing arts programming in our local community. We are excited to see the latest designs from Monique Lhuillier, whose fashions capture the essence of youthful sophistication and glamour. The elegant reception is sure to build excitement around the upcoming 25th Anniversary Season 'Night of Stars' Gala."

The star-studded extravaganza on Saturday, February 11, 2017, will begin with a champagne reception followed by award-winning performances hosted by master showman Michael Feinstein. Legendary artists appearing include actor Alan Cumming, vocalist Denyce Graves, singer/composer Neil Sedaka, organist Cameron Carpenter, plus movement artists Lil Buck and Jon Boogz, Greg Schreiner's Hollywood Revisited, Tap Ensemble by Nouveau Productions, Kravis Center Pops Orchestra, Conductor Sam Krieger, Director Robert Pullen and more. The Gala evening will continue with dinner and dancing in the Gimelstob Ballroom, located in the Cohen Pavilion.

"This year's 'Night of Stars' Gala will be exceptionally special as the Kravis Center celebrates a quarter-century on stage," said Mrs. Preston. "The evening will be over-the-top with dinner, dancing and a star-studded lineup that is guaranteed to leave a lasting impression. The Kravis Center Gala is usually a sold-out success, so get your tickets early if you want to celebrate this milestone event."

Gala sponsors include Sondra and David S. Mack, Stephen Brown and Jamie Stern, Lori and Bruce Gendelman, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Henni and John Kessler, Dorothy and Sidney Kohl, Jane M. Mitchell, Monika and John Preston, SBA Communications Corporation, Susan and Dom Telesco, Kathryn and Leo Vecellio, The Breakers Palm Beach, Neiman Marcus Palm Beach, Laurie Silvers and Mitchell Rubenstein,

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Tickets for this year's Gala are \$1,000 for Gala Patrons, and \$500 for Young Gala Patrons (45 and younger). Dress is black tie.

This season, the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts celebrates a Quarter-Century on Stage. As the Center celebrates its silver anniversary, the Center renews its commitment to the community to present the gold standard of excellence in the performing arts.

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 for local and regional arts organizations to 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.

Fans and friends of the Kravis Center should stay tuned on the Kravis Center's social channels throughout the 2016 – 2017, 25th anniversary season for fun updates and surprises, including trivia contests, ticket giveaways and more. The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL.

For more information, please visit kravis.org/gala or call 561.651.4320. Follow the Kravis Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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