



KRAVIS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Continues Silver Anniversary Season With 13 Amazing Shows in November 2016

Superstar Performers Range from Pat Benatar & Neil Girardo to Mandy Patinkin and Melissa Etheridge, the Tony Award Winning *THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME*, Organist Chelsea Chen, Musical Groups from Argentina and Cuba, LaVay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers and More!

(West Palm Beach, FL – October 11, 2016) The **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** continues its star-packed 25th anniversary season next month with 13 amazing productions from Broadway Tony winners to red hot rockers, from delightful children's shows to jazzy multimedia presentations.

November 3 at 8 pm (Thursday)

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo

We Live for Love Tour

Four-time Grammy Award-winning rock and roll power couple Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo deliver an intimate evening of classic hits, opening the show with a brief video of how they met followed by *All Fired Up* and *We Live for Love*. Together the iconic pair has had 19 Top 40 singles, including *We Belong*, *Love is a Battlefield* and *Heartbreaker*.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$25

November 5 at 8 pm (Saturday)

The Aluminum Show

Heavy metal takes on a new meaning in *The Aluminum Show*, a bold, multisensory explosion that transforms visual theater, dance and humor into an otherworldly experience. Pulsating music, remote-controlled creatures and outlandish costumes accompany this U.S. premiere tour journey to a futuristic planet made of aluminum. From giant tubes morphing into dancing ductwork to flexible pipes wiggling their way into the audience, this mind-boggling bash is both family friendly and unforgettable.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$20

November 6 at 4 pm (Sunday)

B – The Underwater Bubble Show

(Family Fare)

Plunge into a glistening blend of laser technology, snow cannons, soap-bubble tornadoes and optical illusions as the effervescent Mr. B is transported to Bubblelandia, a blissLaVay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers and More!ful ocean utopia where colors explode and dreams take flight. Inspired by the artistry of Cirque du Soleil, this lavish Latvian production uses drama, mime, dance, puppetry, juggling, sand art and theatrical magic to whisk families to an imaginary bubble world bursting with possibilities.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$15

Sponsored by The Stiller Family Foundation

November 10–11 at 7:30 pm (Thursday and Friday)

Basetrack Live

(PEAK)

Combining live performance, immersive projection design and a dynamic electro-acoustic score, *Basetrack Live* emerges from the true stories of U.S. Marines who served in Afghanistan. “It would be enough if *Basetrack* simply gave us a viscerally powerful depiction of war and its aftermath,” writes Phil Klay, author of the 2014 book *Redeployment*. “But it also provides an intimate portrait of military families ... sharing their stories with warmth, humor and raw honesty.”

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

November 12 at 7:30 pm (Saturday)

**Lavay Smith &
Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers**

Sultry chanteuse Lavay Smith, whose lush vocal style revisits Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington and Bessie Smith, evokes a sensuous era of glamorous jazz divas and sexy pinups. Called “a time machine in vintage threads” by *Blues Revue*, Smith smolders on stage as she leads her eight-piece band, the Red Hot Skillet Lickers, whose members have performed with Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole and other legends.

Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Playhouse

Tickets \$35

November 15–20

+ Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8 pm

+ Wednesday, Saturday at 2 pm & 8 pm

+ Sunday at 2 pm

**THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF
THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME**

(Kravis On Broadway)

Hailed as “One of the most fully immersive works ever to wallop Broadway” by *The New York Times*, this “dazzling” (*Associated Press*) adaptation is the Tony Award®-winning new play by Simon Stephens, adapted from Mark Haddon’s best-selling novel and directed by Tony® winner Marianne Elliott. Fifteen-year-old Christopher has an extraordinary brain; he is exceptionally intelligent but ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. When he falls under suspicion for killing his neighbor’s dog, he sets out to identify the true culprit, which leads to an earth-shattering discovery and a journey that will change his life forever.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$27

Kravis On Broadway sponsored by Eileen Berman and Jay Bauer

Beyond the Stage: Join us on November 15 for a free musical presentation by the DeGeorge Singers in the Dreyfoos Hall lobby at 7:15 pm.

November 18–19 at 7:30 pm (Friday and Saturday)

Ron McCurdy’s

Langston Hughes Project

Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz

(PEAK)

Music, spoken words and videos comprise *The Langston Hughes Project*, a compelling multimedia concert by the Ron McCurdy Quartet of Hughes' *Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz*. The kaleidoscopic poem suite, which honors the struggle for artistic and social freedom in the 1960s, is influenced by blues, Latin cha-cha, Afro-Cuban mambo, Jewish liturgy and more. Narrated by McCurdy, the show interprets the masterpiece left unperformed at Hughes' death in 1967.

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November 19 at 10 am (Saturday)

Lightwire Theater Company

The Ugly Duckling

(Family Fare)

Through its signature brand of neon-light artistry, poignant storytelling and musical scores, Lightwire Theater Company electrifies the classic tale, *The Ugly Duckling*, for ages 5 to 8. Dancers clad in puppet-like costumes outfitted with electroluminescent wires bring Hans Christian Andersen's triumphant tale of transformation to life.

Helen K. Persson Hall

Tickets \$12 • General Admission

November 21 at 7:30 pm (Monday)

Chelsea Chen, Organ

(Young Artists Series)

Artist-in-Residence at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Chelsea Chen is the first-ever organist in the *Young Artists Series*. She will play the Kravis Center's new Marshall & Ogletree digital organ, inaugurated on March 9 as The George W. Mergens Memorial Organ, a gift from Alex W. Dreyfoos. Ms. Chen is internationally renowned for performances of "rare musicality" and "lovely lyrical grandeur" (*Los Angeles Times*). After earning a bachelor's and master's degrees from The Juilliard School, she earned an Artist Diploma from Yale University. A published composer and four-time recording artist, Chen's performances have aired on CNN.com and the well-known radio

program *Pipedreams* (American Public Media). She also serves as Artist-in-Residence at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Playhouse

Tickets: The *Young Artists Series* is offered at \$80 for all four performances – a savings of \$40 off the individual ticket price. Beginning October 22, remaining individual tickets are available at \$30 each.

Young Artists Series sponsored by Harriett M. Eckstein New Art Fund

November 25 at 8 pm (Friday)

Estampas Porteñas Tango

Deseos (Desires)

Deseos salutes Argentina's greatest artistic elements including the indomitable tango, the athletic malambo of the gauchos and musical styles that range from melancholy to joy. Artistic Director Carolina Soler's newest creation also includes theater magic that transforms the stage from a rural train station to an urban barrio dance party to an outdoor plaza in Buenos Aires. *Deseos* blends cutting-edge technology with flawless, emotive dance and ardent, soul-filled music.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$20

Beyond the Stage: Join us for a free pre-performance talk by Steven Caras in the Cohen Pavilion at 6:45 pm.

November 26 at 8 pm (Saturday)

The Havana Cuba All-Stars

Performing Cuban Nights

Direct from Havana under the auspices of the Cuban Ministry of Culture, The Havana Cuba All-Stars present a diverse program that reflects their homeland's rich and rhythmic musical heritage. The group's Asere Friendship Tour is the All-Stars' first U.S. tour and celebrates the new open relationship between the United States and Cuba. The 11-member band includes Spanish and steel guitars, bongos, trumpets and many other instruments plus vocals.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$15

With support from WPBT2 South Florida PBS

November 27, 2016 at 8 pm (Sunday)

Mandy Patinkin

In Concert

DRESS CASUAL

With Adam Ben-David on Piano

Before he was an Emmy-winning TV star, Mandy Patinkin was already a Tony-winning Broadway legend. *Mandy Patinkin in Concert* presents the acclaimed actor/singer/ storyteller in his most electrifying role: concert performer. "Mandy Patinkin is in the business of show-stopping," raves *The New Yorker*, and that's exactly what he does in this powerful, passionate evening of popular song. From Irving Berlin to Stephen Sondheim, from Cole Porter to Harry Chapin, Mandy Patinkin takes the audience on a dazzling musical journey they'll never forget.

Alexander W. Dreyfoos, Jr. Concert Hall

Tickets start at \$25

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.

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Tickets start at \$20

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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:

+ THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME
+ Melissa Etheridge

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