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**LONG-TIME KRAVIS CENTER SUPPORTERS MONIKA PRESTON AND KATHRYN VECELLIO CHAIR GALA
“NIGHT OF STARS”**

25th Anniversary Gala Honorary Chairs includes past Board Chairs Alexander Dreyfoos, William Meyer and Jane Mitchell.

(West Palm Beach, Fla.) – Long-time supporters of the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Monika Preston and Kathryn Vecellio, will chair the upcoming “25th Anniversary Season Gala “Night of Stars.” Past Kravis Center Board Chairs Alexander Dreyfoos, William Meyer and Jane Mitchell will toast to a quarter-century of world-class entertainment by serving as the Honorary Gala Chairs. The star-studded extravaganza will take place on Saturday, February 11, 2017.

“This year’s Gala will be an over-the-top experience from start to finish,” stated Mrs. Vecellio. “With an array of artists, there is something for everyone. Having served on the board since 2004, and being a champion of the Kravis Center long before that, it’s an absolute privilege to be chairing the Gala this season alongside Monika Preston.”

The black-tie evening begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., followed by award-winning performances hosted by master showman Michael Feinstein. Legendary artists appearing include actor Alan Cumming; vocalists Darren Criss, Denyce Graves and Storm Large; 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, Director Robert Pullen, Conductor Sam Krieger, and more. This spectacular evening will continue with dinner and dancing in the Gimelstob Ballroom, located in the Cohen Pavilion.

“I have been a supporter of the Kravis Center since its opening in 1992,” said Mrs. Preston. “One of the main reasons I have supported this cultural institution for so long is it promotes the arts as an experience for everyone in Palm Beach County. What the Kravis Center has been able to accomplish over the last 25 years is immeasurable. I am honored to be chairing the Gala during this milestone year.”

A Kravis Center Life Trustee, Mrs. Vecellio served on the board for 12 years and served as the Kravis Center Gala Chair and Honorary Chair several times over the past decade. She has degrees in biological sciences as well as guidance and counseling. Devoted to many nonprofit organizations, she and her husband, Leo, have two sons and four grandchildren. They reside in Palm Beach.

Mrs. Preston serves on the Kravis Center Board and has chaired the Gala several times. She is also involved in other nonprofits. She has a degree in fine arts. Mrs. Preston is an avid equestrian, competing in shows and supporting equestrian charities. She and her husband, John, reside in Palm Beach and have two sons and five grandchildren.

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; Dr. Nettie Birnbach, The Miriam and Alec Flamm Charitable Fund, Ingrid and David Kosowsky; Tom and Sherry Barrat, Braman Motorcars, Sherry and Ken Endelson, Diane and Bruce Halle, Harless & Associates, Jack and Goldie Wolfe Miller Fund, Bonnie and Steven Stern, Lois Silverman Yashar and Dr. James Yashar. Special support provided by Tiffany & Co., with media support provided by *Palm Beach Illustrated*.

This year's Gala is sold out but tickets are still available for the 25th Anniversary "Night of Stars" performance.

This season, as the Center celebrates its silver anniversary, it 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 about the Gala please visit kravis.org/gala or call 561.651.4320. To purchase tickets for the "Night of Stars" performance call the Box Office at 561.832.7469 or visit kravis.org. Follow the Kravis Center on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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