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Celebrate a New Season of Entertainment at GSU Center for Performing Arts

University Park, IL—From classic rock at *The Ultimate Queen Celebration* to the sounds of R&B and soul with Aaron Neville, patrons will enjoy a date night, a family night, or a night out with the girls during the upcoming season at Governors State University's Center for Performing Arts (CPA).

Season tickets for 2018-19 shows are available beginning June 25 for a unique entertainment option at the Southland's "best live entertainment venue!" according to the Daily Southtown. Flex package buyers (three or more shows) may purchase tickets starting June 11 for preferred seating.

Celebrate the best of American entertainment with some of Chicago's award-winning actors and companies, including Lyric opera singers (Mike Cavaliere, John Concepcion, Desiree Hassler, and Pam Williams) performing *The Best of Bernstein at 100*, The Second City's *Made in America: Some Assembly Required*, The Salt Creek Ballet's *Nutcracker*, The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble's *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Adrian Dunn's *Hopera: A Fallen Hero*, and Theatre and Performance Studies student actors in *Alice in Wonderland*, *Almost, Maine*, and *Who's Bad: A Tribute to Michael Jackson* by the GSU Dance Company.

Catch a performance you can't see downtown this season with one of our many touring sensations, thanks to the generosity of concert series sponsor First Midwest Bank. The *Aaron Neville Duo* showcases new work and favorites from the iconic R&B and soul singer and keyboard player Michael Goods. Known for his work with The Neville Brothers, his four Platinum-certified albums and four Top 10 hits, are just a few reasons to grab one of the most sought after tickets in town.

The Hit Men, legendary performers who sang, played and recorded with some of the greatest artists of our time (Elton John, Paul McCartney, Journey, The Turtles, Cat Stevens, Jim Croce, and Frankie Valli), help us relive a magical time in music. Break out the beehives, braids and big hair for this celebration of gold and platinum hits from the 60's through the '80's! Brian Owens' *Soul Royalty* brings heart and soul to your Valentine's celebration.

Drawing inspiration from legends Sam Cooke, Curtis Mayfield, and Marvin Gaye, this Ferguson native knows how to spread his love of soul music, as evidenced by his YouTube viral hit "A Change is Gonna Come" (4 million views). Lastly, don't miss the extraordinary Marc Martel in *The Ultimate Queen Celebration!* Handpicked by Roger Taylor (drummer) and Brian May (guitarist) of Queen

to take on the lead vocals for their touring tribute The Ultimate Queen Extravaganza (160 shows), Martel is known as the greatest Freddie Mercury Voice on the planet.

For the full season, visit CenterTickets.net.

*The Daily Southtown, Chicago Tribune (2013-2017)

Know Before You Go Tickets range from **\$10 to \$55**. *Ask about additional opportunities for box seating and a VIP meet and greets.* Discounts are available for students, children, seniors 65+, groups of 10+, and patrons purchasing three or more shows. Like us on **Facebook @centeratgsu** for updates on events, offers and more. Share your experience at the Center on **Instagram #govstatearts**.

Parking is free. For best GPS directions, use the location search term "Governors State University."

Ways to Purchase Tickets CenterTickets.net 708.235.2222 Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Hours: Monday- Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. & 2 hours prior to all performances.

Center for Performing Arts thanks our other generous partners, funders and individual contributors including The Chicago Community Trust (Made in Chicago series), The National Endowment for the Arts, and the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Located at Governors State University, Center for Performing arts provides dynamic entertainment and edutainment experiences for all, serving over 50,000 patrons annually.