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For Immediate Release

A Season of Southland Premieres and Fan Favorites at GSU's Center for Performing Arts
Tickets are On Sale Now!*

University Park, IL—GSU's Center for Performing Arts' 2016-17 season lineup brings a mix of fresh, fun, and nostalgic programs, showcasing fan favorites like blues prodigy Jamiah Rogers, and Chicago Southland premieres by Porchlight Music Theatre, Chicago Dance Crash, and Chicago Jazz Philharmonic.

"I hope this season will attract a variety of arts appreciators in the Southland," says Executive Director, Lana Rogachevskaya. "We have an eclectic mix of performances, from soulful blues, opera, and provocative theatre to street dance and family programs; and the best part is, it's all affordable and close to home. This year, your Center has expanded access—access to the artists, to affordable ticket prices, and to genres often overlooked by more commercial venues."

Enjoy a new view of the arts as you sit on the stage with the artists in one of many "on stage experiences." Where else can you sit on the stage at a theatre in Chicago? The Center is the first to offer this unique access for a variety of programs, including opera events paired with food and wine, theatre, musical Broadway, and blues.

Laugh with the Steve Cochran Comedy Tour, starring WGN Radio's popular morning show host and featuring comedians Rocky LaPorte (*The Tonight Show*), Pat McGann (*David Letterman*) and John DaCosse (*WGN Morning Show*).

Celebrate the Cinderella story in Dallas Children's Theatre's *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale*. Or ring in the holiday season with a trip to Salt Creek Ballet's *The Nutcracker*, featuring international guest artists, a sugar plum party, and pictures with Santa.

Plan the perfect Valentine's weekend date night with Artists Lounge Live's *Unforgettable: Falling in Love with Nat King Cole*, starring Evan Tyrone Martin of Porchlight Music Theatre's *Dreamgirls* fame.

You've seen the movies, now be blown away by the sounds of an all-new touring production of *Drumline Live!*

Be one of the first to experience one of the three Chicago Southland national tour premieres: street dance phenomenon, *Evil and Good* by Chicago Dance Crash, Porchlight Music Theatre's *The Scottsboro Boys* and Orbert Davis' Chicago Jazz Philharmonic's *The Monk Meets the First Lady*, a celebration of jazz centennials Ella Fitzgerald and Thelonius Monk.

Celebrate the late great Prince at the GSU Dance Company's spring 2017 dance festival. Immerse yourself in Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, performed as never before, outside in the renowned Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Join your Center in new ways to experience the arts—with food, fresh views, favorite titles, and of course the friendly customer service you have become accustomed to at GSU. The Center for Performing Arts welcomes you to campus, where parking is free and performances are always more than just a show.

If You Go

On Sale Now* for Flex package buyers (3+ shows)
August 1-- On Sale for Individual Show Buyers

Online: CenterTickets.net

By Phone: 708.235.2222

In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Box Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open to 6p.m. on Thursdays) & 2 hours prior to all performances

For discounts and Box Office information visit govst.edu/Box Office.

*Tickets are on pre-sale now and they will become available to the public on August 1.

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