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MARCUS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES JOHNSON FINANCIAL GROUP BROADWAY AT THE MARCUS CENTER AND MPAC PRESENTS 2023/24 SERIES SHOWS

SEVEN BROADWAY SHOWS, PLUS A VARIETY OF SPECTACULAR ARTS & CULTURAL PROGRAMS WILL GRACE THE STAGES AT MARCUS CENTER

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE 10-TIME TONY-AWARD WINNING **MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL, DISNEY'S ALADDIN, HARPER LEE'S TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES FROM **MOMIX, PAT METHENY, DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM**, AND MORE.

MILWAUKEE (Monday, March 27, 2023) – <u>Marcus Performing Arts Center</u> (MPAC), Johnson Financial Group, and Broadway Across America are proud to announce the 2023/24 Broadway at the Marcus Center season, along with the new MPAC Presents Jazz and Dance series for 2023/24.

Broadway season includes:

DISNEY'S ALADDIN	October 17-22, 2023
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD	November 7-12, 2023
FUNNY GIRL	January 9-14, 2024
MAMMA MIA!*	February 20-25, 2024
CLUE	March 12-17, 2024
TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL	April 23-28, 2024
MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL	May 14-26, 2024

*Add to make it a 7-show package

"The 2023/24 Broadway season has something for everyone," said **Johnson Financial Group President and CEO Jim Popp**. "Johnson Financial Group is proud to support the Marcus Performing Arts Center as they continue to elevate our region's arts scene through diverse, vibrant performing arts experiences."

The highly anticipated 2023/24 Johnson Financial Group at the Marcus Center Season includes iconic classics, must-see first national tours, and beloved fan favorites. MPAC is thrilled to present three Wisconsin premieres

this season – FUNNY GIRL, CLUE, MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL – with MAMMA MIA! returning for the first time since 2015. Details of the complete season can be found at <u>www.marcuscenter.org/broadway</u>.

MPAC continues expanding programming with a new season of MPAC Presents offerings including 3-show series of Dance and Jazz plus numerous cultural, comedy, and family events that will be announced soon. The upcoming 2023/24 season of MPAC Presents is anchored in artistic excellence and continues to build upon MPAC's commitment to advance racial equity, diversity, and inclusion through the performing arts. Details of the complete season can be found at <u>www.marcuscenter.org</u>.

"The Marcus Performing Arts Center is proud to present another phenomenal lineup full of Tony Award®winning shows, Wisconsin premieres, dynamic and innovative artists, and so much more," said **Jared Duymovic**, **MPAC Vice President of Programming & Engagement.** "We're excited to continue engaging our community with inspiring, diverse artistic expressions, and we are so grateful for the continued support of our subscribers, donors, ticket buyers, and community."

2023/24 MPAC Presents Series Details

MPAC Presents Dance:

Experience power, beauty, and incredible athleticism with the MPAC Presents Dance series. Delivering on dance legend Alvin Ailey's idea that dance is for everyone, this three-show series dazzles with dynamic energy and captivating technical brilliance. Bold, breathtaking movement that goes beyond the unexpected will bring audiences to their feet at every performance.

Dance Theatre of Harlem

February 14, 2024

A singular presence in the ballet world, the Dance Theatre of Harlem presents a powerful vision for ballet in the 21st century. The 18-member company's forward-thinking repertoire includes treasured classics, neoclassical works by George Balanchine and resident choreographer Robert Garland, and innovative contemporary works that use the language of ballet to celebrate African American culture. Through performances, community engagement, and arts education, the Company carries forward Dance Theatre of Harlem's message of empowerment through the arts for all.

Hubbard Street Dance Company

March 9, 2024

For 46 years, Hubbard Street Dance Company has been one of the most original forces in contemporary dance – bringing top choreographers and works to Chicago and beyond. Hubbard Street's ever-evolving repertory, created by today's leading choreographic voices, introduces audiences to original, cutting-edge contemporary dance. Their mission is to bring artists, art, and audiences together to enrich, engage, educate, and change lives through the experience of dance.

MOMIX – Alice in Wonderland

April 11, 2024

Seamlessly blending illusion, acrobatics, magic, and whimsy, MOMIX sends audiences flying down the rabbit hole in Moses Pendleton's newest creation, *ALICE*, inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice in Wonderland*. "I don't intend to

retell the whole Alice story" Pendleton says, "but to use it as a taking off point for invention." Join this dazzling company on a mind-bending adventure, as Alice encounters time-honored characters including the undulating Caterpillar, a lobster quadrille, frenzied White Rabbits, a mad Queen of Hearts, and a variety of other surprises. Filled with visual splendor and startling creative movement, *Alice* reveals that nothing in MOMIX's world is as it seems!

Subscribing provides guaranteed seats for all three shows and the deepest discount. MPAC Presents Dance subscriptions start at just \$87.

MPAC Presents Jazz:

From legendary icons to emerging stars, MPAC Presents Jazz curates an enticing and eclectic celebration of jazz music. The three-show series presents artists that encompass the broad range of the jazz spectrum, appealing to a wide range of audiences. Whether you are a jazz aficionado, a casual listener, or are not as familiar with the art form, MPAC Presents Jazz is for you!

Pat Methany

October 5, 2023

Jazz guitar pioneer and tireless musical innovator, Pat Metheny is one of the brightest stars of the jazz community. His acclaimed style blends loose and flexible articulation with an advanced rhythmic and harmonic sensibility – a way of playing and improvising that is grounded deeply in the jazz tradition of melody, swing, and the blues. It is one thing to attain popularity as a musician, but it is another to receive the kind of acclaim Metheny has garnered from critics and peers. Over the years, Metheny has won countless polls as "Best Jazz Guitarist" and awards, including three gold records and 20 GRAMMY® Awards. Throughout his career, Metheny has continued to redefine the genre by utilizing new technology and constantly working to evolve the improvisational and sonic potential of his instrument.

Cécile McLorin Salvant

January 27, 2024

Acclaimed jazz vocalist Cécile McLorin Salvant is a composer, singer, and visual artist. Three-time GRAMMY[®] winner for "Best Jazz Vocal Album," Salvant has a deep passion for storytelling and finding the connections between music spanning genres and decades. An eclectic curator, Salvant unearths rarely recorded songs with strong narratives, interesting power dynamics, unexpected twists, and humor. Described by the late Jessye Norman as a "unique voice supported by an intelligence and full-fledged musicality, which light up every note she sings," Salvant is a must-see artist. In 2020 she received the MacArthur Fellowship and the Doris Duke Artist Award, two of the most coveted recognitions in art.

Delfeayo Marsalis & The Uptown Jazz Orchestra

February 29, 2024

Delfeayo Marsalis & the Uptown Jazz Orchestra are a highly entertaining ensemble, focused on maintaining important jazz traditions such as riff playing, New Orleans polyphony, and spontaneous arrangements. Formed by Marsalis in 2008, the Uptown Jazz Orchestra stretches the boundaries of what is expected from big bands, playing with an extraordinary sense of joy and fun that could only come from New Orleans. Featuring up to 18 accomplished musicians, the Uptown Jazz Orchestra sets the global standard for celebrating jazz in its authentic musical form, inspiring the next generation of jazz musicians and promoting a culture of diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in the arts.

Subscribe to MPAC Presents Jazz to secure your seats and enjoy up to 25% discount off the price of individually purchased shows. Subscriptions start at just \$87.

In addition to the MPAC Presents Jazz and Dance Series, MPAC Presents will include a number of additional shows throughout the season. More MPAC Presents shows will be announced soon. Artists and dates are subject to change.

MPAC Presents Series Information & Benefits

Subscribing to an MPAC Presents series provides patrons with a curated package of events, first choice of seating at various price levels, and savings up to 25% off the regular ticket prices. Additional benefits include priority notice on upcoming events, special discounts on additional MPAC Presents shows, and more. All pricing options are available on the main orchestra floor. Accessible seating is available in all price levels.

MPAC Presents Dance and Jazz series subscription packages are on sale now and can be purchased in-person at the Marcus Center Box Office, by calling 414-273-7206, or online at <u>www.marcuscenter.org</u>.

Tickets for individual MPAC Presents shows will go on sale during the summer.

Groups of 10 or more can inquire about special pricing and begin making reservations for any MPAC Presents shows now by calling 414-273-7207.

MPAC Presents is generously supported by Saint Kate – The Arts Hotel, Bader Philanthropies, Inc., and the Herzfeld Foundation. The Marcus Performing Arts Center is supported in part by grants from the Milwaukee Arts Board and Wisconsin Arts Board, with funds from the State of Wisconsin, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Arts Midwest.

2023/24 Johnson Financial Group Broadway at the Marcus Center Season Details

Disney's ALADDIN

October 17-22, 2023

Discover a whole new world at Disney's ALADDIN, the hit Broadway musical. From the producer of *The Lion King* and *Frozen* comes the timeless story of ALADDIN, a thrilling new production filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy and breathtaking spectacle. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite. See why audiences and critics agree, ALADDIN is "Exactly What You Wish For!" (NBC-TV).

Harper Lee's TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD

November 7-12, 2023

All rise for Academy Award[®] winner Aaron Sorkin's adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork. *The New York Times* Critic's Pick TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD is "the most successful American play in Broadway history" (*60 Minutes*). *New York Magazine* calls it "a real phenomenon. Majestic and incandescent, it's filled with breath and nuance and soul." With direction by Tony Award[®] winner Bartlett Sher, TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD — "the greatest novel of all time" (*Chicago Tribune*) — has quickly become "one of the greatest plays in history" (NPR).

Please note that this show contains mature subject matter, sensitive and graphic content, prop guns, and loud conditions.

FUNNY GIRL

January 9-14, 2024

WELCOME TO MUSICAL COMEDY HEAVEN! Featuring one of the greatest musical scores of all time, including classic songs "Don't Rain On My Parade," "I'm the Greatest Star," and "People," this love letter to the theatre is the story of the indomitable Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who dreamed of a life on the stage. Everyone told her she'd never be a star, but then something funny happened—she became one of the most beloved performers in history, shining brighter than the brightest lights of Broadway.

MAMMA MIA!

February 20-25, 2024 A mother. A daughter. 3 possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

Set on a Greek island paradise where the sun always shines, a tale of love, friendship, and identity is beautifully told through the timeless hits of ABBA. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the father she's never known brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited decades ago. For nearly 25 years, people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story, and the music that make MAMMA MIA! the ultimate feel-good show.

*MAMMA MIA! may be added to create a 7-show Broadway package.

CLUE

March 12-17, 2024

Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious guests assemble at Boddy Manor for a night they'll never forget! Was it Mrs. Peacock in the study with the knife? Or was it Colonel Mustard in the library with the wrench? Based on the cult 1985 Paramount movie and inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, CLUE is the ultimate whodunit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist.

TINA – The Tina Turner Musical

April 23-28, 2024

THERE IS ONLY ONE.

HER VOICE IS UNDENIABLE. HER FIRE IS UNSTOPPABLE. HER TRIUMPH IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER.

An uplifting comeback story like no other, TINA – The Tina Turner Musical is the inspiring journey of a woman who broke barriers and became the Queen of Rock n' Roll. Set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of her most beloved hits, this electrifying sensation will send you soaring to the rafters.

One of the world's best-selling artists of all time, Tina Turner has won 12 Grammy Awards and her live shows have been seen by millions, with more concert tickets sold than any other solo performer in music history. Featuring her much loved songs, TINA – The Tina Turner Musical is written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Katori Hall and directed by the internationally acclaimed Phyllida Lloyd.

TINA - The Tina Turner Musical is recommended for ages 14+. The production includes loud music, strobe lighting, haze, gun shots, scenes depicting domestic violence, and strong language. Please note that Tina Turner does not appear in this production.

MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL

May 14-26, 2024 Subscriber performances: May 14-19, 2024 Pop the champagne, MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL is the winner of 10 Tony Awards[®] — including Best Musical!

Enter a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur, and glory! Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life onstage, remixed in a new musical mash-up extravaganza. A celebration of Truth, Beauty, Freedom, and — above all — Love, MOULIN ROUGE! is more than a musical — it is a state of mind.

MOULIN ROUGE! The Musical is a grand and spectacular production; the musical contains some mature themes, revealing costumes and adult language. Recommended for ages 12+.

Johnson Financial Group Broadway at the Marcus Center Series Information & Benefits

Becoming a Broadway season subscriber is the only way for individuals to guarantee seats for all of the season's hottest shows. A subscription is more than just tickets – it's a guaranteed night out, a chance to create memories, and an experience you won't forget.

In addition, subscribers enjoy many benefits, including:

- The same seats for each show in the package for one price
- Exclusive ticket exchange privileges
- Priority access to additional ticket purchases before the general public
- Interest-free payment plan option
- Convenient renewal subscribers will be automatically renewed risk-free year after year

Subscribers can also enhance their theater experience with a gift to the Marcus Performing Arts Center Annual Fund. MPAC Donors receive unique year-round benefits and amenities. With an annual gift of \$1,000 or more, subscribers will receive unlimited access to the Donor Lounge at MPAC during all Broadway shows, featuring themed specialty cocktails for each title, private restroom access, and lounge seating. For more information, visit www.marcuscenter.org/give.

Current 2022/23 subscribers have been emailed details regarding the 2023/24 automatic renewal process. For assistance, subscribers can log into their online Account Manager by visiting <u>am.ticketmaster.com/mcpa1/</u>. Subscribers may also call the Marcus Center Ticket Hotline: 414-273-2706 (M-F, 10am to 4pm) or their dedicated Broadway Across America Subscriber Hotline: 800-905-7469 (M-F, 10am to 5pm) for assistance.

New Johnson Financial Group Broadway at the Marcus Center subscription packages are available now. Packages start at \$265 for the 6-show package and \$305 for the 7-show package (inclusive of MAMMA MIA!). Those interested in becoming a subscriber can purchase at <u>MarcusCenter.org/Broadway</u>. All performances will be held in Uihlein Hall at the Marcus Performing Arts Center, 929 N. Water Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Groups starting at 10 or more should call 414-273-7207 for more information, reservations, and special pricing.

Tickets for individual Broadway productions typically go on sale to the general public eight to twelve weeks prior to the first performance.

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About Marcus Performing Arts Center

A mission-based non-profit organization located in downtown Milwaukee, the Marcus Performing Arts Center (MPAC) brings high-quality arts and cultural programming to Southeastern Wisconsin. MPAC strives to act as an energizing force that connects the community to the world through collaboration, innovation, social engagement, and the transformative power of the performing arts. Through multiple performance series, community events, and educational experiences, MPAC brings a diverse range of celebrated artists to the region. A fixture in Milwaukee for over 50 years, MPAC is proud to be part of the Milwaukee Theatre District as well as a dedicated War Memorial facility. Learn more at www.marcuscenter.org.

Broadway Across America (BAA) is part of the John Gore Organization family of companies, which includes <u>Broadway.com</u>, <u>The Broadway Channel</u>, <u>BroadwayBox.com</u>, Group Sales Box Office and Broadway Brands. Led by 18-time Tony-winning theater producer John Gore (Owner & CEO), BAA is the foremost presenter of firstclass touring productions in North America, operating in 48 markets with over 400,000 subscribers. Presentations include *Disney's The Lion King, Wicked, The Book of Mormon* and *Hamilton*. Current and past productions include *Ain't Too Proud, Beautiful, Cats, Chicago, Dear Evan Hansen, Mean Girls, Moulin Rouge!* and *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

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