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**LANG LANG
COMES TO THE McCALLUM THEATRE
7 p.m., Wednesday, April 3**

Palm Desert, CA – At the age of 17, pianist **Lang Lang** was a last-minute substitution for André Watts at the Gala of the Century, playing Tchaikovsky’s First Piano Concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He became an overnight sensation—and today, he’s one of the leading figures in classical music, playing sold-out shows all around the world. He’ll take the McCallum Theatre stage at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 3.

Heralded by *The New York Times* as “the hottest artist on the classical music planet,” the pianist, educator and philanthropist has formed ongoing collaborations with conductors including Sir Simon Rattle, Gustavo Dudamel, Daniel Barenboim and Christoph Eschenbach, and performs with all the world’s top orchestras. **Lang Lang** is known for thinking outside the box and frequently steps into different musical worlds. His performances at the GRAMMY Awards with Metallica, Pharrell Williams and jazz legend Herbie Hancock were watched by millions of viewers.

Lang Lang has contributed to musical education worldwide. In 2008, he founded the Lang Lang International Music Foundation, aimed at cultivating tomorrow’s top pianists, championing music education at the forefront of technology, and building a young audience through live music experiences. In 2013, **Lang Lang** was designated by the Secretary General of the United Nations as a Messenger of Peace, focusing on global education.

Lang Lang’s boundless drive to attract new audiences to classical music has brought him tremendous recognition: He was presented with the 2010 Crystal Award in Davos and was picked as one of the 250 Young Global Leaders by the World Economic Forum. He is also the recipient of honorary doctorates from the Royal College of Music, the Manhattan School of Music and New York University. In December 2011, he was honored with the highest prize awarded by the Ministry of Culture of the People’s Republic of China and received the highest civilian honors in Germany (Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany) and France (Medal of the Order of Arts and Letters). In 2016, **Lang Lang** was invited to the Vatican to perform for Pope Francis. He has also performed for numerous other international dignitaries, including four U.S. presidents and monarchs from many nations.

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$155, \$105 and \$75. Tickets are available at www.mccallumtheatre.org or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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