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SAMARA JOY

Saturday, June 15 at 8:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – Just 24 years old, **Samara Joy** is one of the biggest names in jazz. The three-time Grammy Award winner will perform a special June show at the McCallum Theatre on Saturday, June 15 at 8:00pm.

Samara Joy's voice—rich and velvety, yet precociously refined—has already earned her fans like Anita Baker and Regina King, and appearances on the *Today* show, *The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon*, *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*, *The Kelly Clarkson Show*, *The Jennifer Hudson Show* and more. She's earned millions of likes on TikTok—cementing her status as perhaps the first Gen Z jazz-singing star.

In February 2023, Joy took home two Grammy Awards, for Best Jazz Vocal Album (for *Linger Awhile*) and the auspicious Best New Artist award. This year, she earned her third Grammy, for Best Jazz Performance (for "Tight").

Joy is still relatively new to jazz. Growing up in the Bronx, it was music of the past—the music of her parent's childhoods, as she put it—that she listened to most. She treasures her musical lineage, which stretches back to her grandparents Elder Goldwire and Ruth McLendon, both of whom performed with Philadelphia gospel group the Savettes, and runs through her father, who is a singer, songwriter and producer who toured with gospel artist Andraé Crouch.

She eventually followed in the family tradition, singing in church and then with the jazz band at Fordham High School for the Arts, with whom she won Best Vocalist at the Jazz at Lincoln Center's Essentially Ellington competition. That led to her enrolling in SUNY Purchase's jazz studies program, where she fell deeply in love with the music.

Though she's young, she relishes the process of digging through the music's history. "I think maybe people connect with the fact that I'm not faking it, that I already feel embedded in it," Joy says. "Maybe I'm able to reach people in person and on social media, because it's real."

The gatekeepers of the jazz world tend to agree: In 2019, she won the Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition.

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$115, \$85 and \$55. Tickets are available at 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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