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**ENTERTAINMENT LEGEND BEN VEREEN AT
UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH ARTS CENTER**
Backstage Stories with Ben Vereen: Interviewed by Colin McEnroe
Saturday, September 26 at 3:30 p.m.



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WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (August 25, 2015) – The legendary Ben Vereen (whose feature film *Time Out of Mind*, co-starring Richard Gere, opens this fall) will appear at the University of Saint Joseph Arts Center for one afternoon in *Backstage Stories with Ben Vereen: Interviewed by Colin McEnroe* on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. The show, which includes a 90-minute conversation with Vereen moderated by WNPR radio host Colin McEnroe, a Q & A with the audience, and a post-show meet & greet, will take place in the Hoffman Auditorium on the University's main campus, located at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, Conn. Tickets, which are \$25, are available online (tickets.usj.edu) or at the Francis Driscoll box office (860.231.5555).

Few entertainers today are as accomplished or versatile as the Tony, Emmy, and Golden Globe-Award winner Ben Vereen, who recently appeared in *Top Five*, alongside Chris Rock, and will be co-starring with Richard Gere in the feature film *Time Out of Mind* this fall.

In *Backstage Stories with Ben Vereen: Interviewed by Colin McEnroe*, Vereen, fresh from a sold-out run of his one-man show *Steppin' Out with Ben Vereen* at 54 Below in New York City, will share stories and lessons from his life on the stage and the screen. Vereen has starred in some of Broadway's most beloved productions, including *Wicked*, *Fosse*, *Hair*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Pippin*, for which he won a Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical.

“The theater was my first training ground. It taught me discipline, dedication, and appreciation of hard work and values that will stay with me a lifetime. The stage sharpens the creative instrument and encourages you to go deeper inside and try new things,” said Vereen, who will be returning to Broadway next year.

Tickets for this one-time only event are \$25 and are available now. Tickets can be purchased online (tickets.usj.edu) or at the Francis Driscoll box office (860.231.5555).

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