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**2018-2019 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**THE AUTORINO CENTER FOR THE ARTS:**  
***USJ GOT SOUL***



WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Aug. 13, 2018) – The Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities is serving up “all the feels” during the 2018-19 *USJ Got Soul* season. *USJ Got Soul* connects audiences to authentic voices and rich artistic traditions, engaging them in virtuosic performances, all while illuminating our inner selves. Over 20 unique acts will perform, featuring up-and-coming Connecticut locals and artists who have become well-known, well-respected staples in their genres.

The Autorino Center, just recently named Best University Arts Center by the Hartford Readers Poll, unveils a new website ([autorino.usj.edu](http://autorino.usj.edu)), new subscription packages, and a larger-than-ever performing arts series. Additionally, two unique series will be launched: *CT Locals*, which presents exceptional performers who work, live, and create right here in Connecticut, and *Latinx Performance Series*, which gathers artists from around the world who will bring audiences closer to Latinx culture, tradition, and heritage.

Artistic Director Steve Raider Ginsburg says about the season, “Food for the body is not enough; we need food for the Soul. The Autorino Center has something for everyone this year.”

Program Highlights:

- 25th anniversary of *Guitar Under the Stars*, Sept. 8 – Free Event
  - Stars backdrop this outdoor concert featuring sounds of Spanish guitar
- *WET: A DACamented Journey*, Oct. 26 & 27
  - An autobiographical play about an American in every sense, except on paper
- *The Como Mamas*, Jan. 29
  - Recently “discovered” praise gospel group from Como, Miss.
- *The Mercy Suite*, March 29
  - A Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and a “global groove” guitarist perform
- *Afro-Cuban All Stars*, April 17
  - Music of the rich and soulful golden era of pre-revolutionary Cuba

For a full listing and information on all performances, visit [autorino.usj.edu](http://autorino.usj.edu).

**Autorino Presenting Series – 2018-2019**

Guitar Under the Stars: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Sept. 8, 2018

Brubeck Brothers Quartet  
Sept. 15, 2018

Spanish Language Film Festival: *Coco*  
Sept. 18, 2018

Spanish Language Film Festival: *Like Water for Chocolate*  
Sept. 25, 2018

Noontime Classic: Hartt Orchestra  
Sept. 27, 2018

Spanish Language Film Festival: *The Book of Life*  
Oct. 2, 2018

CT LOCAL: 10th Annual Noche Latina: Mariachi México Antiguo  
Oct. 5, 2018

4th Annual Chapel Series: The Art of the Duo  
Oct. 11, 2018

Persona Non Grata  
Oct. 14, 2018

WET: A DACAmended Journey  
Oct. 26-27, 2018

Kurbasy  
Oct. 28, 2018

5X5 Contemporary Dance Festival Workshop A  
Nov. 3, 2018

5X5 Contemporary Dance Festival Workshop B  
Nov. 3, 2018

CT LOCAL: 16th Annual 5X5 Contemporary Dance Festival  
Nov. 3, 2018

CT LOCAL: Thabisa with Luna & the Lost Souls  
Nov. 8, 2018

CT LOCAL: Noontime Classic: Jonathan Janeway  
Nov. 16, 2018

Polkadots - The Cool Kids Musical  
Jan. 26, 2019

Annual MLK Celebration  
Jan. 28, 2019

The Como Mamas and Special Guests  
Jan. 29, 2019

CT LOCAL: 860 MVMNT: FREQUENCY  
Feb. 8-9, 2019

CT LOCAL: Romance De La Guitarra  
Feb. 14, 2019

Phantom of the Opera with Alloy Orchestra  
Feb. 28, 2019

CT LOCAL: Chad Browne-Springer & Phat A\$tronaut with Hartford Hot Several  
March 28, 2019

The Mercy Suite: The Songs of Yusef Komunyakaa & Tomás Doncker  
March 29, 2019

Al Qalb - The Heart by Amirah Sackett  
April 12, 2019

The USJ Dance Ensemble Spring Concert featuring Amirah Sackett  
April 13, 2019

Afro-Cuban All Stars  
April 17, 2019

CT LOCAL: Capital Classics 2019  
July 11-28, 2019

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