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WINTER/SPRING 2019 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT THE AUTORINO CENTER FOR THE ARTS: USJ GOT SOUL

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Oct. 11, 2018) - The Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities is offering a selection of engaging arts and culture events during the Winter/Spring 2019 portion of its *USJ Got Soul* season. Since its start this fall, *USJ Got Soul* has brought the best of Connecticut's creative talent, as well as renowned performers from around the U.S. and the rest of the world, to the Greater Hartford area to provide stimulating, unique artistic experiences that captivate the heart and mind. From Jan. through April, 11 upcoming events will feature avant-garde music, dance, and live performance, oftentimes blending these art forms to create moving pieces that focus on civil rights and creation rooted in cultural tradition.

The Autorino Center, named Best University Arts Center by the 2018 *CT Now Best of Hartford Readers' Poll*, is flourishing with a streamlined website (autorino.usj.edu), new subscription packages, and successful performing arts series, including the recently introduced *CT Local* and the *Latinx Performance Series*.

Artistic Director Steven 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."

Winter/Spring 2019 Program Highlights at the Autorino Center:

- *Polkadots - The Cool Kids Musical*, Jan. 26
 - Colorful, upbeat musical celebrating the differences that make us special
- *Annual MLK Celebration*, Jan. 28
 - Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with keynote address, gospel music
- *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

The *USJ Got Soul* season will continue to serve as a welcoming stage for artists to share innovative forms of creative expression and a myriad of ethnic, religious, and cultural experiences through their performances. 860 MVMNT's storytelling-inspired dance, Alloy Orchestra's marriage of film and live music, and the fusion of hip-hop dance and Islamic spirituality in Al Qalb are just a few of the other events that will inspire audiences to see the world around them in new, exciting ways.

For a full listing and information on all performances, visit autorino.usj.edu.

Autorino Presenting Series – Winter/Spring 2019

Polkadots - The Cool Kids Musical, Jan. 26

Annual MLK Celebration, Jan. 28

The Como Mamas and Special Guests, Jan. 29

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

CT LOCAL: Romance De La Guitarra, Feb. 14

Phantom of the Opera with Alloy Orchestra, Feb. 28

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

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

Al Qalb - The Heart by Amirah Sackett, April 12

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

Afro-Cuban All Stars, April 17

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