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## THE AUTORINO CENTER FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SEASON

### *ON THE MOVE AT USJ*

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Aug. 10, 2017) – The Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities at the University of Saint Joseph is *On The Move* this year as it celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary—and there’s a lot to celebrate.

*On the Move*, this season’s theme, offers performances that highlight global shifts in populations due to migration and forced migrations along with the cultural fusions that occur during this time of hyper-globalization. *On The Move* also acknowledges the Autorino Center’s as a center of cultural vibrancy and its commitment to USJ’s progression forward as its undergraduate school becomes coed in the fall of 2018.

“Since the founding of the Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities, thousands upon thousands of patrons have visited the Center and I couldn’t be more pleased with the palpable excitement for contemporary performance,” says Center Director Steven Raider-Ginsburg. “The theme for 2017-18, *On The Move*, deals with some bold issues wrapped inside a year-long party. Fun ahead!”

As part of the launch of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary season celebration, the Autorino Center announces a new membership program: A dual-tiered program where members can enjoy exclusive benefits like \$15 tickets for its 15<sup>th</sup> year, special receptions, and access to priority seating.

### 2017 Fall Program Highlight:



Daniel Salazar’s *Guitar Under the Stars* kicks off the season on Sept. 9. This epic free outdoor concert has been an area mainstay for over 20 years. Previously in Hartford as part of Riverfront Recapture’s music series, this year it will be free for all on the USJ Quad from 6:30 – 9 p.m., Sept. 9. No tickets or RSVP required. Lawn chairs encouraged; food available for purchase.



Traveling from Galway, Ireland is Moonfish Theatre's production *Star of the Sea*, a tale of migration from Ireland to the U.S. during a period of famine in 1847. Based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Joseph O'Connor, the performance will be held on Oct. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15-35. *Star of the Sea* is funded in part by the Expeditions program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support from the six New England state arts agencies.



Closing the fall presenting series on Dec. 1 is *Red Baraat*, a multicultural brass party band from Brooklyn, New York. Eight musicians present an unprecedented, high energy, gut-busting fusion of jazz, hip-hop beats, rock muscle, funky go-go, and scalding hot bhangra. Tickets \$15-25, 8 p.m.

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