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ARLO GUTHRIE CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVENT THAT INSPIRED THE SONG “ALICE’S RESTAURANT MASSACREE”

FORT LAUDERDALE – For the first time in a decade, folk icon **Arlo Guthrie** performs “Alice’s Restaurant Massacree” in its entirety along with other favorites from his catalog in a concert at the Parker Playhouse on **Sunday, January 25 at 7 p.m.**

It was fifty years ago, 1965, when Guthrie took out the trash following a Thanksgiving dinner that couldn’t be beat. This hilarious account of actual events, which precluded him from military service (1966), became a platinum selling record (1967) and a full length motion picture (1969), has become as traditional a part of Thanksgiving as cranberry sauce.

The Massacree became an anthem for the anti-war movement of the Vietnam era. However, Guthrie told Ron Bennington in a 2009 interview, “It wasn’t an anti-war song; it was an anti-stupid song.” He has often said that the song brought him together with friends he didn’t expect to make: “I came out of that time thinking I’d only met two kinds of people – people that give a damn and the people that don’t. And the truth was that you could find both of those kinds of people on every side of every issue. In the long run I thought I’d had more in common with people who cared about stuff than people that might’ve sided with me on an issue or two.”

Because of its approximate 10 minute length, Guthrie has only added the complete “Alice’s Restaurant Massacree” to his touring menu on its 10 year anniversaries. Following this two-year tour, it is likely “Alice’s Restaurant Massacree” will again be removed from the menu. “I’ll do it again for the 60th anniversary, or I’ll be dead. Whichever comes first,” says Guthrie.

The Alice’s Restaurant 50th Anniversary Tour begins January 2015, and as song says, “all you got to do to join is sing it the next time it comes around on the guitar...with feelin’.”

Tickets are \$40.50 - \$50.50. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org, ParkerPlayhouse.com or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center’s AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Parker Playhouse box office Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility. All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

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