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GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING TRUMPETER CHRIS BOTTI RETURNS TO THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

FORT LAUDERDALE – Grammy Award-winning trumpeter **Chris Botti** returns to the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on **Tuesday, April 14 at 8 p.m.**

With his signature sound that has roots in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre, Botti has become the largest-selling American instrumental artist with four #1 jazz albums, as well as multiple Gold and Platinum records, and multiple Grammy Awards.

Botti's succession of best-selling releases include seven that placed in the top five positions on *Billboard* magazine's Top Jazz Album list: *When I Fall In Love*, *To Love Again: The Duets*, *Chris Botti Live with Orchestra & Special Guests*, *Italia*, *December*, *A Thousand Kisses Deep* and his most recent release, *Impressions*, which won a Grammy Award for Best Pop Instrumental Album.

Botti has recorded and performed with the industry's best, including Sting, Paul Simon, Barbara Streisand, Josh Groban, Yo-Yo Ma, Michael Buble, Joni Mitchell, John Mayer, Andrea Bocelli and Joshua Bell.

In a December interview with WBUR, Boston's NPR station, Botti described his tours saying, "They're [audiences] expecting a reduplication of our albums and the albums are all kind of one mode or mood—to keep the listener in hopefully that blissful state—but the concerts need to have a visceral, technical things, the need be humorous, to rock out when you need to and to have a classical component. It's the chops that make them go wow, and the beautiful stuff that makes them go more inward and reflective, so to have both in the show is really important."

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The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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CALENDAR BRIEF: Grammy Award-winning trumpeter **Chris Botti** returns with his signature sound that has roots in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre on **Tuesday, April 14 at 8 p.m.** in the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center. The Grammy Award-winner has played to packed houses worldwide and sold more than three million albums, as well as earned both critical and mainstream appeal. Tickets are \$35 to \$75 with Club Level tickets available for \$125. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org 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. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America's premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.