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FROM BROADWAY WITH LOVE: A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PARKLAND, USA



To Take Place Monday, April 16 At the BB&T Center in Sunrise, FL

(New York, NY) – Following the tragic events that took place at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, the Broadway community will unite with many of the inspiring and world-changing MSD students to perform *From Broadway With Love: A Benefit Concert For Parkland, USA* on Monday, April 16 at 7PM at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, FL.

From Broadway With Love: A Benefit Concert For Parkland, USA will feature musical performances and special appearances from a variety of Broadway and TV's biggest names including Emmy, Tony and Golden Globe nominated artist Matthew Morrison ("Glee," *Finding Neverland, The Light In The Piazza, Hairspray*), Golden Globe winner Rachel Bloom ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"), award-winning recording artist Deborah Cox (*The Bodyguard*), Wayne Brady ("Whose Line Is It Anyway," Chicago cast of *Hamilton*), Kirsten Maldonado (Pentatonix), Noah Galvin ("The Real O'Neals," *Dear Evan Hansen*), Justin Guarini ("American Idol," *In Transit*), Vincent Rodriquez III ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"), Ephraim Sykes (*Hamilton*, "Hairspray Live"), Erich Bergen ("Madam Secretary"), Christy Altomare (*Anastasia*), Laura Bell Bundy ("Anger Management," *Legally Blonde*), Telly Leung (*Aladdin*), Jordan Donica (*My Fair Lady, Hamilton*), Donna Lynne Champlin ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend"), Gabrielle Ruiz ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend", *If/Then*), Etai Benson (*The Band's Visit*), Carrie Manolakos (*Mamma Mia*), George Salazar (*Godspell, The Lightning Thief*), Bryan Fenkhart (*Waitress* National Tour, *Memphis*), Charity Angel Dawson (*Waitress, Side Show*), Jessica Vosk (*Wicked* National Tour), Brandon Shapiro and Jake Wildhorn. The performers will be accompanied by the South Florida Symphony. The performance line-up is subject to change and additional performers will be announced in the coming weeks.

Some of the songs that will be performed were written by the Stoneman Douglas students in collaboration with New York theatrical composers including **Joe Iconis, Bobby Cronin, Zoe Sarnak, Drew Gasparini** and more, with additional songs written solely by the students. Additionally, there will be a special performance by Jamie Guttenberg's dance troupe in honor of her memory. Several Stoneman Douglas students will speak at the event as well.

<u>Tickets go on sale to the general public starting Tuesday, April 3 at 12PM</u> and will be available online at <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>, by calling 1-800-345-7000 or at the BB&T Center Box Office.

Approximately 10,000 tickets have been donated to the families of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students and staff. Net proceeds raised (royalties and artist fees waived) by *From Broadway With Love: A Benefit Concert For Parkland, USA* will be donated to Marjory Stoneman Douglas Vicitims' Fund and Shine MSD (to benefit arts advocacy in the Parkland community).

Additionally, a fundraising page has been set-up at <u>http://www.crowdrise.com/parkland</u>. A forthcoming CD and DVD of the concert will also be available at <u>BroadwayRecords.com</u> and Amazon.com. Any donation of \$50 or more at the CrowdRise website entitles you to a free CD, DVD or Blu-Ray of the concert once it is available. Please visit <u>www.FromBroadwayWithLove.org</u> to sign up to be notified when the CD and DVD become available.

The Parkland benefit is produced by Tony and Grammy Award winner Van Dean and Yael Silver (co-producer Once On This Island), both of Broadway Records, together with Joyce Arbucias, Tony Award winner Kenny Howard, Andrea Canny and Chris Yakubchik. The performance will be co-directed by Michael Unger (Producing Artistic Director, NewArts in Newtown, CT) and Kenny Howard. Emmy Award winner and Tony Award nominee Michael J. Moritz Jr. will music direct. Michael J. Moritz Jr. and Jeff Saver (*Chicago*) serve as co-music supervisors, Michael J. Moritz Jr. and Jeff Saver will conduct with lead orchestrations by Kim Scharnberg, casting is by Robin Carus, Jason Haft is project coordinator, Sam Wilmott and Marcus Stevens are creative consultants, production stage manager is Sydney Steele with Rachel Sussman as project manager.

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For more information, visit www.frombroadwaywithlove.org. #BroadwayforParkland

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