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## JAKE SHIMABUKURO TO PERFORM AT THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

**FORT LAUDERDALE –** Hailed by *Rolling Stone* as "one of the hottest axemen of the past few years who doesn't actually play guitar," ukulele sensation Jake Shimabukuro will perform in the Amaturo Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

When a YouTube clip of Shimabukuro's performance of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" went viral, his career skyrocketed, landing him on the Billboard World Album Chart several times and leading to collaborations with Bette Midler, Yo-Yo Ma, Ziggy Marley and Chris Botti.

The subject of an acclaimed 2012 documentary, *Jake Shimabukuro: Life on Four Strings*, he has elevated the ukulele from a beloved Hawaiian folk instrument to a world-class vehicle, fearlessly traversing boundaries and putting his inspired touch on everything from island standards, to popular tunes and classical symphonic concertos.

Tickets are \$29.50-\$49.50. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>BrowardCenter.org</u> or <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>; by phone at 954.462.0222 or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets.

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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## About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

One of America's premier performing arts venues, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, showcasing a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events. Guest experiences at the Broward Center include the all-inclusive JetBlue Flight Deck on the Club Level, special events in the Huizenga Pavilion, waterfront dining at Marti's New River Bistro and innovative classes and workshops for all ages at the Rose Miniaci Arts Education Center. With one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, the Broward Center serves 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.

All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

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.