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AWARD-WINNING GUITARIST JESSE COOK COMES TO PARKER PLAYHOUSE

World Music Artist's Concert 'One World' Live Tour Supports Chart-Topping New Album

FORT LAUDERDALE –World music/jazz guitarist **Jesse Cook** will perform at the Parker Playhouse to support the release of his ninth studio album, *One World* on **Wednesday, April 20 at 8 p.m.**

Cook's release, which debuted at No. 1 on the jazz and world music charts in his native Canada, was released in the U.S. on October 2 and debuted at No. 7 on the *Billboard* Top Jazz Albums. The tour highlights the Juno Award winner's latest album – an adventurous sonic exploration drawing on the sounds and cultural wonders of Constantinople as inspiration.

Live in concert, with his sonically diverse and distinctive repertoire, Cook commands the stage with an elegant balance of subtlety, in-the-moment honesty and blazing technical prowess. Whether he's showing off his furious finger-picking skills or slowing things down, this global guitar virtuoso delivers an unforgettable, can't-miss live performances.

Cook's popularity as a captivating performer has been bolstered exponentially in recent years by PBS concert specials, including *Jesse Cook: Live at the Bathurst Theatre*, which continues to air on public television stations across the nation.

Cook composed and produced the 11-track *One World*, an aural journey showcasing the Paris-born, Toronto-raised artist's cultured amalgamation of flamenco, jazz, gypsy, rumba, pop and classical guitar. And instead of exploring cul de sacs of music— he united them.

"On this record, it's not really about going someplace," Cook says of the album, whose cover depicts a vast, ancient tree. "The idea is that there really is just one world. If you pull your focus back far enough, you start to see all music as being branches of the same tree. They're all connected to the same trunk from way back."

The album is rife with runs and riffs demonstrating his dazzlingly dexterity and features centuries-old instrumentation from all over the globe existing side-by-side with modern technology to create interesting beats and inventive sounds. Cook places his guitar on *One World* amidst carefully-crafted instrumental beds and rhythmic loops, textured audioscapes, technological experimentation, mystic melodies, evocative harmonies and contemplative meditations to create a work that just may be the most experimental of his career.

Tickets are available for \$23-\$48. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at www.BrowardCenter.org, www.ParkerPlayhouse.com, www.Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at

Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. 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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