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## **JOSH GROBAN PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROWARD CENTER**

American singer, songwriter, actor, record producer and 2016 Grammy Award nominee **Josh Groban** ignites an evening of pure imagination when he performs in the Broward Center's Au-Rene Theater on **Saturday, February 27 at 8 p.m.** as part of the Broward Performing Arts Foundation's annual celebration to benefit the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The performance comes during the Broward Center's 25th anniversary season.

Groban's first four solo albums were certified multi-platinum and he has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide. He is a 2016 Grammy Award nominee for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for his seventh album, "Stages," which is a unique musical event featuring a collection of some of the most memorable and well-loved songs from musical theater. In an interview with *DailyHerald.com*, Groban said about the album, "The beautiful thing about these songs, even when they are taken away from a musical theater show, is that they ring true in people's lives. They still have a message that is relevant. I wanted these songs to live and breathe on their own, to reach people the way that any great song reaches someone."

Groban also will star in the Broadway premiere of "Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812," a musical adaptation of a 70-page section of Tolstoy's masterwork *War and Peace*, scheduled to take the stage in September.

"We are thrilled to have Josh Groban as the headliner of our 25th anniversary celebration, topping of what is truly a spectacular milestone year for us," said Broward Center President & CEO Kelley Shanley. "It's been an incredible 25 years thanks to our patrons, donors and this community. The Broward Center is bigger, better and more vibrant than ever and we hope the community joins with us in the celebration during our most exciting season yet."

Limited VIP tickets are available for Groban's benefit performance at the Broward Center for \$500 which includes a lower orchestra theater seat and invitation to the post-show party and celebration at the Huizenga Pavilion and Wendt Terraces. Proceeds support the education and enrichment programs of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

The performance is presented by Joshua and Nicole Taggart. Sterling Society Table Underwriters are Beverly Raphael Altman and Joel Altman, Joe and Wini Amaturro, AutoNation, Robert J. and Christina

Brinkman, Ann M. Burris, The Haller Foundation, Carol Harrison, Rich Herder and Dennis Baney, Marti and Wayne Huizenga, R. S. Ingham, Ken and Sharon Meares, Laura and Charlie Palmer, Terry and Jamie Stiles and Gary Wendt. Premier Table Underwriter is Linda and Douglas Von Allmen. Program Underwriter is Starmark and Spirits Underwriter is Southern Wine & Spirits.

For VIP ticket information, call 954-468-3284 or email [Foundation@BrowardCenter.org](mailto:Foundation@BrowardCenter.org).

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 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.

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