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KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD BAND AND BETH HART BAND BRING TOUR TO THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

FORT LAUDERDALE – Renowned blues rock guitarist/songwriter **Kenny Wayne Shepherd** and celebrated Grammy[®]-nominated singer/songwriter **Beth Hart** will each play full sets when their tour arrives in the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts **Saturday, August II** at 8 p.m.

Shepherd is over two decades into a recording career that began when he was just 16. He has sold millions of albums worldwide and, in addition to his five Grammy nominations, he has won two Billboard Music Awards, a pair of Orville H. Gibson awards, the Blues Foundation's Keeping The Blues Alive award and two Blues Music awards. He's had eight No.1 blues albums and a string of No. 1 mainstream rock singles. His latest release, *Lay It On Down* debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Blues Charts and remained there for eight consecutive weeks.

Hart is on fire riding a creative tidal wave firing out acclaimed albums, hooking up with the biggest names in music and rocking the house each night with that celebrated burnt-honey voice. *The Blues Magazine* dubbed Beth Hart "the ultimate female rock star", and there's no doubt that her two-decade career is the ultimate thrill-ride. Hart released a fistful of hit albums through the '90s, then reignited in the post-millennium as both a solo artist and the head-turning vocalist for guitar heroes like Joe Bonamassa, Jeff Beck, Buddy Guy and Slash. "Extraordinary," wrote *The Times* of her once-a-generation voice box. It's no wonder she was nominated for three 2018 Blues Music Awards. She is packing everlarger venues in major cities around the world – including performances at Nashville's iconic Ryman Auditorium and London's Royal Albert Hall. Every live performance gets a standing ovation, because no one knows how to rock the house better than Beth Hart. When she sings clocks stop, hearts dance and neck-hair tingles...it's that compelling!

Tickets are \$39-\$75. 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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