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AEG-LIVE AND THE BROWARD CENTER PRESENT GRAMMY AWARD-WINNER MERLE HAGGARD AT THE PARKER PLAYHOUSE

FORT LAUDERDALE –AEG-Live and the Broward Center present Grammy Award-winner **Merle Haggard** on **Monday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m**. at the Parker Playhouse.

A Country Music Hall of Famer, Grammy Award-winner and most recently a Kennedy Center Honoree, Merle Haggard is a seminal country music icon and living legend. Haggard stands as country's remaining black-hat rebel, the last man singing for the underdog. Haggard and his songs retain the grit, heart and honesty that first won him fans and the title of "the poet of the common man."

With dozens of honors and awards to his credit, Haggard is an architect of the "Bakersfield Sound," the swinging, guitar-based form of honky-tonk that evolved into country rock and later Americana. Haggard's lyrics convey trouble, love, loss, pride and dignity, all the feelings imbued in the greatest songs of country music and reflected in unparalleled, trailblazing classics such as, "I Think I'll Just Stay Here and Drink," "That's the Way Love Goes," "Mama Tried," "Okie from Muskogee," "The Fightin' Side of Me" and "Workin' Man Blues."

In addition to 39 Number One hits, favorites from Haggard's five decades at the top also include "Pancho and Lefty" (a duet with Willie Nelson), "Yesterday's Wine" (with George Jones), "Big City," "Are the Good Times Really Over," "My Own Kind of Hat" and "If We Make it Through December," among many other beloved hits.

Tickets for Merle Haggard are \$50, \$60 and \$70. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>BrowardCenter.org</u>, <u>ParkerPlayhouse.com</u> or <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>; by phone at 954.462.0222 or TTD/TTY at 800.359.2525; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers. 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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