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A PETER WHITE CHRISTMAS WITH RICK BRAUN AND MINDI AB AIR BRINGS THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON TO PARKER PLAYHOUSE

FORT LAUDERDALE – Celebrate the holidays with **A Peter White Christmas with Rick Braun and Mindi Abair at Parker Playhouse on Saturday, December 12 at 8 p.m.**

One of the most versatile and prolific acoustic guitarists, White leads the contemporary jazz lineup in this seasonal concert combining smooth jazz cheer with traditional Christmas classics such as “White Christmas” and “Silent Night,” plus a few surprises along the way.

White launched his career as a keyboardist touring with Al Stewart and worked with him in the studio on the classic album *Year of the Cat*. The tour and that album marked the beginning of a 20-year association with Stewart. During that time, the two musicians co-wrote numerous songs, including Stewart’s 1978 hit, “Time Passages.” After years as a backup musician and a session player, White launched his solo recording career and his annual Christmas tour is fueled by the success of his two highly regarded holiday albums, *Songs of the Season* (1997) and *A Peter White Christmas* (2007).

Braun adds his stylistically eclectic trumpeting to the mix. A consistent chart-topper who has amassed a catalogue of #1 Billboard Contemporary Jazz Chart and radio hits throughout his solo career, Braun has also produced #1 hits for David Benoit, Marc Antoine and former Rod Stewart band sidekick Jeff Golub. He’s achieved collaborative success on massive hits with Boney James, as a member of RnR with saxman Richard Elliot and with BWB, a powerhouse trio completed by Grammy Award winners Kirk Whalum and Norman Brown.

Powerhouse saxophonist and vocalist Abair’s solo work has garnered ten #1 radio hits, six top-five spots and two #1 spots on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz Album Chart. Abair received a 2014 Grammy Award nomination in the Best Pop Instrumental Album category for *Summer Horns*, a #1 recording with her friends Dave Koz, Gerald Albright and Richard Elliot. More recently, she received a 2015 Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album for her solo cd *Wild Heart*. She appeared as the saxophonist on *American Idol* and is the only saxophonist to have toured with rock legend Aerosmith since 1973.

Tickets are \$33–\$53. 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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