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**CELEBRATE THE MUSIC OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMPOSERS WITH
*THE LEGACY SHOW AT METROPOLIS***

Arlington Heights, Ill., February 5, 2019 – Violinist Tami Lee Hughes and pianist Byron Burford-Phearse perform *The Legacy Show* at Metropolis Performing Arts Centre March 21, 2019.

The Legacy Show is a multimedia concert of music by African-American composers performed by violinist Tami Lee Hughes and pianist Byron Burford-Phearse. The program features classical music infused with a variety of styles, including spirituals, blues, gospel, hip-hop, and jazz. Portraying cultural themes of the Antebellum Period, the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Era, and Modern Times, the program includes poetry and visual media. Poems, by such writers as Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou, introduce each piece. Visual media, which is projected onto a large screen during the performance, provides images of people and places thematically related to the music. A special component of the program is Songbirds, a tribute to African-American women written by Grammy-nominated music producer and Rock and Roll "Hall of Famer" Kerwin Young. The program also includes Duke Ellington Suite, an homage to one of jazz's great legends, arranged exclusively for *The Legacy Show* by Ozie Cargile.

The Legacy Show is more than a concert. It is a musical, cultural, and historical journey guided by the work of prolific American creative artists. Each artist had a story influenced by his or her experiences. *The Legacy Show* reaches into the heart of these stories to celebrate the exuberance of life, and the spirit of triumph over tragedy. *The Legacy Show* is for everyone, and it is food for the soul.

The Legacy Show will be at Metropolis on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. Tickets are \$30. All tickets can be purchased at MetropolisArts.com or by visiting or calling the Metropolis Box Office at 847.577.2121.

The Legacy Show is part of the Live Music Series at Metropolis, which brings some of the highest level musical talent to the Chicagoland area. Other upcoming shows at Metropolis include *Skerryvore* (March 22), *Creole Stomp* (March 23), *Side By Side: A Steve & Eydie Tribute* (March 24), *Uptown Girls* (March 28), and *Heartache Tonight* (March 29).

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Metropolis is located in the heart of Chicago's northwest suburbs in downtown Arlington Heights at the intersection of Campbell and Vail Avenue (111 West Campbell Street). Street parking is available. Free parking is available in the public garage behind the theatre. For more information about Metropolis and a list of upcoming events visit MetropolisArts.com or call the Box Office at 847.577.2121.

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