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On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the CCA, welcome to Chandler Center for the Arts. Thank you for joining us for our 34th Season!

It is an honor to serve you in Downtown Chandler's premier arts and entertainment destination. It is our commitment to create

an experience that is welcoming for everyone. If you have feedback about your experience while you are here, please share that with me or a member of our staff.

In addition to the diverse range of artists and genres that make up this year's season, we are very proud to present two musical theatre productions on the Steena Murray Mainstage. North: The Musical (Feb 23-24, 2024) features an original score filled with jazz and Black roots music and an uplifting story set against the backdrop of the Underground Railroad. Created by composer, musician, and vocalist Ashli St. Armant and co-commissioned by Chandler Center for the Arts, North: The Musical will make its return as part of its national tour. Be our guest at Disney's Beauty and the Beast: Live in Concert (Mar 23-24, 2024), a vibrant concert version of the Disney Broadway show with an orchestra and chorus on stage, accompanying a costumed cast and dazzling animated scenery.

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With gratitude,

Michelle Mac Lennan

General Manager, Chandler Center for the Arts

Michelle MacLennan

OUR **IMPACT**

In the **2022-2023 SEASON**, the Chandler Center for the Arts had the following impact on our community.

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WELCOME TO CHANDLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS!

On behalf of the City of Chandler, thank you for choosing Chandler Center for the Arts. With so many unique and vibrant entertainment options, I am confident you will have an exceptional experience.

Chandler Center for the Arts is an integral part of Chandler. The diversity and dynamic energy that makes up our unique community are showcased and celebrated beautifully through a variety of artistic performances at the Center. They offer a range of entertainment from all categories, the 2023-2024 Season includes La Marisoul (acclaimed lead singer of GRAMMY®-winning band La Santa Cecilia), Clint Black (country music icon), and Howie Mandel (comedy legend and judge from America's Got Talent) just to name a few.

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The Chandler Cultural Foundation, which was formed upon the Center's opening in 1989, oversees all artistic programming and operations, and provides fiscal oversight for the Chandler Center for the Arts on behalf of the city.

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TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 | 7:30 P.M.

TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY (TIDC) has significantly changed the direction and scope of Irish dance, re-introducing the art form as the phenomenon it is today. Founded in 1990, this innovative, nonprofit repertory company was created to celebrate the pioneering work of Founding Artistic Director Mark Howard. Howard's uniquely Irish-American company was the birthplace of progressive Irish dance, an innovative movement genre which "ushered in a new era for Irish step dance" (Chicago Tribune), opening new avenues of artistic freedom that led directly to commercial productions such as *Riverdance*.

By using Irish dance as an instrument and a metaphor, TIDC redefines the medium with passion, flair, and precision. Through a unique blend of uncompromising power and grace, TIDC sends a consistent message of female empowerment with a repertory that has elevated the art form for over three decades.

Considered an American treasure by critics and enthusiasts worldwide, TIDC has performed sold-out tours in Europe, Asia, and North America, appearing in distinguished venues such as New York's The Joyce Theater, The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., UCLA's Royce Hall, Ottawa's National Arts Center of Canada, Tokyo's Orchard Hall, and Chicago's Auditorium Theatre, among many others. TIDC has traveled to entertain dignitaries as varied as Monaco's royal family, Irish and American presidents, Japanese royalty, and Indian meditation masters.

TIDC holds an important place in the dance world, offering both a highly skilled presentation of traditional Irish step dance and a brilliantly engaging interpretation of contemporary world vision.

"It's not 'Riverdance' – there's no New Age hash of Celtic mythology, no cocky male showboating. But the claim of Mark Howard, Trinity's founding artistic director and principal choreographer, that he anticipated 'Riverdance' is bolstered by the inclusion of "Johnny," a piece he made for "The Tonight Show" in 1991."

- The New York Times

PROUD TINA: THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO TINA TURNER



SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024 7:00 P.M.

For **Caroline Borole**, music has been a major influence in her life. The South Africanborn songstress credits her family, who saturated her childhood with a multitude of musical genres and artists, with shaping her personal musical style.

At the tender age of 10, Caroline's father introduced her to 60s album *The Soul of Ike & Tina Turner*, a record that sparked her interest in jazz and blues. It was played repetitively in her home, giving Caroline a chance to study and admire Tina's bold, raw vocals and her confidence as a performer.

Throughout Caroline's schooling, she took every opportunity to perform and steadily developed her own confidence and a lust for the spotlight. After taking home first prize in her first talent show, she set her sights firmly on a musical career and set about studying musical theatre at university.

After university, Caroline had little problem getting work in Johannesburg - the hub of entertainment and production in South Africa. She landed notable roles in national television shows and musical productions, including appearances in *Generations*, *On The Couch, Under African Skies* and a starring role as Effie White in the national stage production of *Dreamgirls*.

Eventually, Caroline was scouted by production company Showtime Australia and joined their roster as a backing vocalist, starting her tenure in two of the company's largest productions - The Greatest Love of All and The Michael Jackson HIStory Show.

When the company began casting Tina Turner tribute *PROUD Tina* in 2017, Caroline was hard to overlook for the leading role, with a natural rasp and extraordinary power to her voice, and an athleticism on stage that director Johnny Van Grinsven simply couldn't find elsewhere. Even with Caroline's vast experience, the role has been a challenge – involving a mix of musical genres, extremely emotional content, intricate vocal and physical imitations and intense, high-energy choreography – but one that she has enjoyed, and which has resulted in a highly acclaimed and sought-after show.

Caroline's steadily rising star didn't escape the eyes of the local entertainment industry and by 2019 she was fielding multiple exciting job offers. In addition to a DJ spot on RadioToday, she accepted coveted roles as a vocal and performance coach on TV talent program South African Idols and also with the prestigious South African Film, Acting and Theatre Academy (SAFATA), where she continues to busily tutor upand-coming performers in between her international tours with PROUD Tina.

After a forced hiatus from the stage during 2020 and 2021 due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, Caroline finally got back to the stage in 2023 with $PROUD\ Tin\alpha$ tours scheduled in the USA, New Zealand and South Africa.



Behind the Mic: Unveiling the Soulful Voice of Caroline Borole from PROUD Tina

Chandler Center for the Arts conducted an insightful Q&A session with the extraordinary Caroline Borole, the talent behind **PROUD Tina:** The **Ultimate Tribute to Tina Turner**. This exclusive interview delves into Caroline's passion for Tina Turner and sheds light on what makes her performance truly exceptional.

How long have you been putting on the show PROUD Tina? What has been your favorite part about it?

PROUD $Tin\alpha$ has been running since 2017 and I have been involved with the show the entire time. My favorite part of the show, to be honest, is everything. I know it's corny, but I love all the songs and performing every one of them. They all bring different emotions through the love songs and power ballads, they're all so different which is why I love every part of the show.

Tell us what you love about Tina Turner.

I love her strength, she was so resilient coming out of a terrible situation and she just flourished and said 'I can do this.' For me, it teaches us as women, as a whole, that we can be independent, and that we don't need men to do this thing called life. She succeeded so greatly after she left him (Ike Turner), he left her with nothing and yet she still flourished.

What musicians/bands are you listening to right now? We love recommendations!

I'm currently hooked on musicals. I am a musical theatre person, so I appreciate the difficulty of the songs these performers create. At the moment I'm listening to Grease on repeat!

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

I have been so privileged to travel so vastly and widely however there is no place like home, my country, and my surroundings. I love and appreciate every country I've been to and some places have been so grand, but nothing beats home so that's where I'd like to live.

If you were not a musician, what other profession would you want to have?

I'd go into Law, I feel like I could have been a great lawyer or something in law as a whole. I still have a huge interest in it, maybe I could still go into it!



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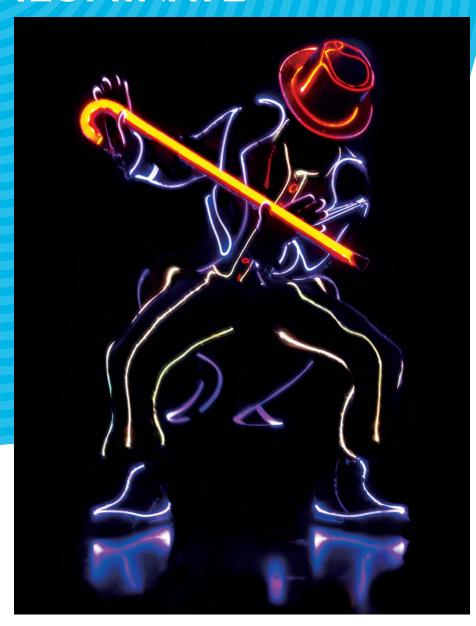
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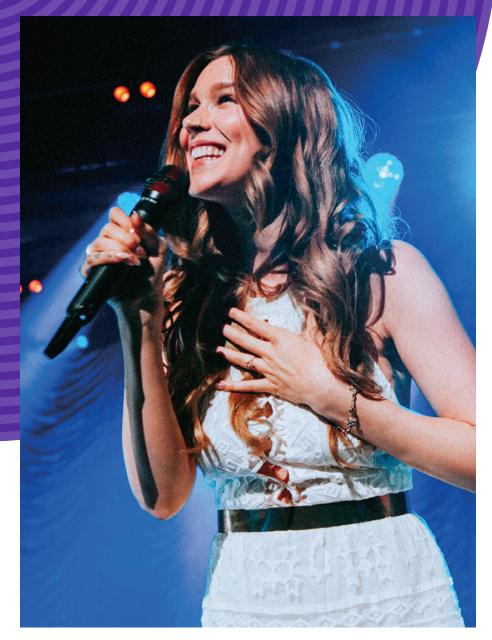
From the moment the lights fade to darkness, you are transported into another world...another dimension, where the music moves you and the visuals are unlike anything you've ever seen. Welcome to the world of *iLuminate*, named "Best New Act in America" by *America's Got Talent* (AGT) in 2011. A fantastic fusion of cutting-edge technology and dance that has been wowing the world ever since appearing on AGT over a decade ago to performing one of Las Vegas' top shows to this day. *iLuminate* features a brilliant cast of the country's top dancers performing to energetic music – including top pop and rock hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, a little jazz, a little Latin, a little hip hop and more. The dancers are outfitted with customized LED suits synced to *iLuminate*'s proprietary software to create extraordinary lighting effects with each of the phenomenally choreographed dance moves.

This mind-blowing, multi-sensory experience is completely unique and incomparable to any other stage spectacular, as the dancers perform dynamic routines and illusions on a darkened stage. The touring show for the 23-24 season is brand new – featuring new stories, new music, new dances, and new suits! As the show progresses, each scene creates a new "room" inside "Club iLuminate," where an exhilarating blend of music, dance, illusion, technology, and comedy comes to life for an experience that's sure to be the most fun you'll ever have in the dark. Plus...iLuminate is a family-friendly experience!

iLuminate is the brainchild of Miral Kotb, a woman whose true passions in life are dance and software engineering, which is why she's been seen both "operating the board" and dancing on stage in past performances. In 2009, Miral combined her two passions to create the patented iLuminate technology, the tool that enables performers, choreographers, engineers, technicians, stylists, and artistic directors to produce explosive performances with customized wireless lighting programs. The results are extraordinary lighting effects choreographed with phenomenal dance moves that take viewers on an exhilarating ride.

iLuminate has been featured on shows like Dancing with the Stars, The X-Factor, Good Morning America, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, The American Music Awards, MTV's Video Music Awards, BET Awards, The Nickelodeon Awards, Billboard, and Latin Billboard Awards. The dancers (and Miral's technology) have also shared the stage with stars like Chris Brown, Christina Aguilera, Black Eyed Peas, and Death Cab For Cutie.

JOSS STONE



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 | 7:30 P.M.

Joss Stone is a GRAMMY® and Brit award-winning artist who released her starmaking critically acclaimed debut album, *The Soul Sessions*, in 2003, at the age of 16. Since then, she has released nine studio albums, which have sold over 15 million copies worldwide.

Stone has kept the company of musical royalty, performing alongside legendary artists such as James Brown, Herbie Hancock, Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight, Sting, Van Morrison and Melissa Etheridge. In addition, she has collaborated with and contributed to albums for many of the world's finest musicians, including Jeff Beck, Mick Jagger, and Damien Marley, and garnered over one billion streams in the US alone.

Stone has been known to experiment with different styles in her own work as well, and her albums feature an exciting patchwork of various influences, creating a catalog characterized by the fusion of her powerhouse soul vocals with reggae, world music, and hip-hop soundscapes.

Joss Stone is without question among the most iconic soul singers of the modern era, a preternaturally gifted vocalist and songwriter whose remarkable career now spans two decades. From 2003's internationally acclaimed, chart-topping debut album, The Soul Sessions, to making history with 2004's RIAA platinum-certified Mind, Body & Soul. The Kent-born, Devonbased artist, who has recently split her time between the U.K. and the U.S., has crafted eight highly accomplished solo albums, not to mention soundtrack hits, film and tv appearances, and collaborations with a who's-who of music royalty, including Nas, Raphael Saadiq, Sheila E, and many more. Four more acclaimed albums followed. Introducing Joss Stone in 2007, which marked the highest-ever entry, at No.2, on the US album charts by a British female, Colour Me Free! in 2009 and Soul Sessions 2 in 2012.

The year prior saw Stone's fifth album and first full-length collaboration with Dave Stewart, LP1, which made a top 10 debut on the overall Billboard 200 upon its July 2011 release — Stone's third consecutive top 10 album on the U.S. charts. LP1 "conjures the spirit of another supplanted smokey Brit songstress in the steamy South: Dusty in Memphis," wrote Paste. "Where Stone stands out — as producer Dave Stewart realizes — is in her restraint..."

"In a world where machined dance fodder, rap-deckled pop, and lumbering rawk dominate, a genuine article of soul music – especially one where the thick bass, tumbling Wurlitzer, and bright guitars set the tone – is a joyous noise, indeed."

LP1 was followed that same year by the arrival of SuperHeavy, the all-superstar combo comprising Stone, Stewart, Mick Jagger, Damian Marley, and A.R. Rahman. Co-produced by Stewart and Jagger, the group's self-titled debut album was met by acclaim from Rolling Stone, which declared it to be "terrifically fun...the spirit is dazzling" in a four-starred rave review.

Stone's seventh studio album, 2015's Water For Your Soul, saw her pushing her artistic boundaries to encompass diverse elements of world music influences. The acclaimed collection debuted at #1 on Billboard's "Top Reggae Albums" chart and eventually proved the best-selling current reggae album of 2015, once again displaying Stone's uniquely successful gift for bridging musical genres.

Over the last decade, in addition to writing and recording new music, Stone embarked on her audacious *Total World Tour* in 2014, performing gigs and collaborating with local artists in over 200 countries. In addition, she also created The Joss

Stone Foundation to work alongside a global network of charities and partners to provide and deliver solutions locally in cultures and communities around the world. She completed this mammoth undertaking in 2019. Following that, Stone launched a successful podcast "A Cuppa Happy," along with her Facebook Live cooking show "Cooking With Joss," and in February 2021 she won season two of the smash hit competition series *The Masked Singer UK*, dressed as a sausage! In January 2022, she co-headlined a U.S. tour with fellow Brit, Corinne Bailey Rae, leading up to the release of her eighth album in February 2022, the critically acclaimed *Never Forget My Love*, produced by Eurythmics' Dave Stewart, and written by Joss and Dave at Bay Street Studios in the Bahamas and recorded at Blackbird Studios in Nashville.

2023 was an exciting year with the West End debut of *The Time Traveller's Wife* musical, on which she co-wrote music and lyrics with long-time collaborator Dave Stewart.

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Joss Stone

How did you discover your passion for music and who were your early influences?

It's hard to answer because it's like trying to remember how you started breathing. I always loved big, strong, female voices. My parents used to play Whitney Houston and Melissa Etheridge and Anita Baker when I was really really young and also the male soul voices were around like Solomon Burke and James Brown. It was a good music diet we were on in our house.

Your professional career has spanned over two decades, since you were a teenager. What do you see as the most significant challenges facing musicians in the industry today and how have you navigated them in your career?

Social media I think has been a big challenge for me because it wasn't around so much when I was starting out, I just sang my songs, did a few photo shoots and radio interviews where I didn't have to put any makeup on and a lot of the success was word-of-mouth. It was a magical time really, it felt very organic. Now it's a different job, much more involved, much more constant.

But the positives are that the people listening to your music get to know who you are, the mystery is gone, but maybe that's a good thing. Maybe now it's more honest, it's more human than it was in the rock 'n' roll days. But then on the other side of the coin, we have a huge amount of Photoshop going on which is the opposite of honest so I don't really know what I'm talking about. But it certainly is different.

Could you please tell us a bit about your songwriting and creative process?

It really depends who I'm writing with. At the moment I'm writing music for what I hope to be a disco soul record, my cowriter for many years Jonathan Shorten is making tracks in England and sending them to me over here in Tennessee. So I wake up in the morning do some hardcore mumming whilst my hubby goes to the gym and gets his piece of sanity for the day. I make breakfast and lunch and dinner, clean the house and the babies and get them ready for the day, then hit tag on Cody's arm and head to the studio across the garden and write my little heart out. Melody first is usually my way then the lyrics turn up.. it's fun!

You have collaborated with many outstanding artists on several live and recorded projects. Who was your favorite to work with and how did you adjust your creative process (if at all) to collaborate with this artist?

So hard to say who's the favorite, I really loved working with Damien Marley because he was just such a beautiful energy to be around and extremely talented. It was also really nice to dive into a different style of music. That was just before the total world tour and I think it really whet my appetite to sing within different genres and sounds. Singing on stage with James Brown was a pinch me kind of moment. I didn't know him that well but I definitely knew his voice since I was a baby so it was amazing to be able to become part of a sound he was part of, even if only just one moment. I have many stories of grateful moments, these are just two.

If you could record an album with any other artist, no matter when he or she lived, who would it be and why?

Ooohhhhh such a great dream...I would love to do that with Otis Redding. Maybe when I get upstairs I can ask him!

What can audience members expect from your 20 Years of Soul performance? Are there any surprises in store that you can allude to? (i.e. a reappearance of certain Masked Singer costume?!?)

We have tried to create a show that gives a little piece from all of the 20 years. Hard to do but I think we have

managed a good little snap shot of life within the show. It's really a special one. I have never had to think about a show like this. I normally just get up there and sing songs I am feeling at the time, but this had to really say thank you to everyone that has come with me through it, with the hope that they can come away feeling like they heard at least one of their favorite songs that took them back to their own moments in these last 20 years. Music is magic like that.

Could you give us a glimpse into any upcoming projects or collaborations you're excited about?

I'm working on something with Raphael Saadiq. I am very excited about it because I made one of my favorite albums with him so I can only hope this is as good as that - or better. It's gonna be fun no matter what.

If we were to open your favorite music streaming app, which artists would we find on your most played list this year?

Tarrus Riley . Damien Marley . Stephen Wilson Jr. Nao . Aretha Franklin , Anne Sexton . Tom Misch.

We have saved perhaps the hardest question for last. If you HAD to choose any career field other than music, what would it be and why?

I always wanted to be a midwife. Helping women in the hardest and most beautiful moment of their life has to be the most purposeful beautiful and some time terrifying job. Must be nice to be so important. All power to these amazing people!

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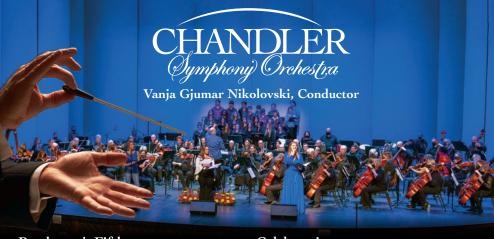
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