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**GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING ARTIST**

**SEAL**

**TO HEADLINE McCALLUM THEATRE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

**SPECIAL EVENT TO HONOR VALLEY PHILANTHROPIST JAN SALTA**

Palm Desert CA – The McCallum Theatre announced today that one of entertainment’s most electrifying performers, Grammy Award-winning superstar **Seal**, will headline its Annual Fundraising Gala to be held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The always eagerly-awaited annual event will honor Valley philanthropist **Jan Salta** for her longstanding commitment to enhancing the quality of life in the Coachella Valley and beyond.

Invitations for the performance and pre-show dinner at one of four restaurants will be mailed in October. The restaurants are Cuistot, Jillian’s, La Spiga and Wally’s Desert Turtle. Sponsorships start at \$500 and may be obtained by contacting Brenda Wallace at (760) 776-6193 or [bwallace@mccallum-theatre.org](mailto:bwallace@mccallum-theatre.org).

The co-chairs of the 2019 McCallum Theatre Annual Gala are **Helene Galen** and **Harold Matzner**.

Accompanied by a 29-piece orchestra of the West Coast’s top musicians, singer/songwriter and Grammy Award-winner **Seal** will bring his distinctive baritone voice and stylish flair to a program including his top hits, along with lushly arranged music from his hit album, *Standards*, with timeless classics by Frank Loesser, Johnny Mercer, George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hart, Hoagy Carmichael, Charlie Chaplin, and more.

Proceeds from this annual fundraising event help fund McCallum Theatre operations as well as arts education programs that bring training in theater, dance, music and visual arts to more than 300 classrooms and 40,000 schoolchildren and educators each year at no cost to them. These funds also make it possible to continue to bring world-class performances to over 150,000 residents and visitors to the Coachella Valley annually. McCallum Theatre is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The evening’s Honoree, **Jan Salta**, has an extraordinarily charitable heart that touches many nonprofit organizations in the Coachella Valley, throughout Southern California and in her home town of Des Moines, Iowa. Jan has been volunteering her time since she was in her 20’s and, along with her late husband, Mike, has been a major supporter

of a remarkable array of charities ranging from the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center, ACT for MS, the Mizell Senior Center, The Living Desert to the Heart Association to the Betty Ford Center's children's program, Martha's Village, Tools for Tomorrow, Eisenhower Medical Center, the Palm Springs International Film Festival and the Palm Springs Art Museum, among so many others.

Jan made her first gift to the McCallum in 1988, two months after the Theatre's grand opening night. Over time, she has been a consistent supporter of The Muses & Patroness Circle of McCallum Theatre, sponsor of McCallum Theatre Education's Open Call Talent Project, former Annual Gala co-chair and frequent show sponsor. McCallum Theatre proudly recognizes the extraordinary generosity of Mike and Jan Salta as members of its very distinguished *Benefactors Circle*.

**Seal** is a British singer-songwriter who has sold over 20 million records worldwide including major hits, "Crazy," "Kiss from a Rose" and his critically acclaimed *Standards* album. He is the recipient of four Grammy Awards. He has worked as a coach on *The Voice* in Australia and was a guest judge on *America's Got Talent*. Seal last appeared at the McCallum Theatre in 2005.

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