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MELISSA ETHERIDGE
McCALLUM THEATRE
Thursday – November 14 – 8:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – Through the generosity of Ronald and Sylvia Gregoire, the McCallum Theatre presents Melissa Etheridge on Thursday, November 14, at 8:00pm.

Melissa Etheridge is one of rock music's great female icons. Her critically acclaimed eponymous debut album was certified double Platinum. Etheridge's popularity built around such memorable songs as "Bring Me Some Water," "No Souvenirs" and "Ain't It Heavy" for which she won her first Grammy Award for Best Female Rock Vocal.

Since the release of her unforgettable self-titled 1988 debut, Melissa Etheridge's incredible career includes sales of over 25 million albums, 5 Platinum and 3 multi-Platinum records, 15 Grammy Award nominations and 2 Grammy wins, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and an Academy Award for "I Need to Wake Up" from the climate change documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Etheridge hit her commercial and artistic stride with her fourth album *Yes I Am*, featuring the massive hits "I'm the Only One" and "Come to My Window," a searing song of longing that brought her a second Grammy. The six times Platinum album spent more than two and a half years on the album chart.

Etheridge is also an Oscar winner for Best Original Song in 2007. In 2011, Melissa made her Broadway debut as St. Jimmy in Green Day's rock opera *American Idiot*, where she replaced Billie Joe Armstrong for one week, and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Her 2016 release, *Memphis Rock & Soul*, debuted at #1 on *Billboard's* Blues Chart. On June 20, 2016, Etheridge released a song called "Pulse." The singer wrote the song in reaction to the mass shootings that took place in Orlando on June 12, 2016. As she told *Rolling Stone*, "We want to try to make sense. We want to try to heal. We want to bring some meaning, some purpose. We also want to put it down forever in history. That's how I'm coping." All proceeds from the sale of "Pulse" will benefit Equality Florida, the State's largest LGBT civil rights organization.

Melissa's latest release is *The Medicine Show* via Concord Records. Reunited with celebrated producer John Shanks (Keith Urban, Bon Jovi, Kelly Clarkson), Melissa sounds as rousing as ever, bringing a new level of artistry to her 15th studio recording. *The Medicine Show* deals with universal themes of renewal, reconciliation, reckoning,

compassion and, most profoundly, healing. Through the songs, she processed the deep fears and hurting she saw in the nation on collective and personal levels. The recording sessions were done largely live in studio, capturing the raw emotion of the material, the performances rocking with bold colors.

Melissa has selflessly dedicated herself as an activist for human rights, LGBTQ issues, breast cancer awareness and alternative medical approaches.

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$105, \$85 and \$55. Tickets are available at the Theatre's website at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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