

Note to editors: this concert replaces the concert originally scheduled for this day and time featuring Patina Miller. Tickets previously purchased for Patina Miller will be honored for Jennifer Holliday's performance.

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Tony and Grammy Award-Winning Artist Jennifer Holiday Tops off The 2016 Aventura Arts & Cultural Center Broadway Concert Series

AVENTURA – Tony and Grammy award-winning artist **Jennifer Holliday** gives the culminating performance in this season's Broadway Concert Series, on **Wednesday**, **April 6 at 8 p.m. at Aventura Arts & Cultural Center**.

Holliday's show-stopping, heart-wrenching performance of the torch ballad "And I'm Telling You, I'm Not Going" in the smash hit Broadway musical *Dreamgirls* made her an instant star, introducing her full, soulful voice to the world. Her portrayal of Effie "Melody" White, a role which she co-created, not only brought theatergoers to their feet for eight performances a week, but garnered her a Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical and her first Grammy Award for Best R&B Female Vocalist. Additional theater credits include *Sing Mahalia Sing: The Mahalia Jackson Story; Downhearted Blues: The Bessie Smith Story; Harlem Suite* (with Aretha Franklin); *Chicago* (starring as Mama Morton); *Grease* (starring as Teen Angel); and *Black Nativity* (starring as the Angel of God). Holliday also reprised her role as Effie to sold-out crowds in 2007.

In addition, Holliday has performed all over the world in theater and with leading symphonies including the Boston Pops, The National Symphony Orchestra, The San Diego Symphony and The Cincinnati Pops Symphony. She's performed at The White House for four U.S. Presidents and in 2000 she received an Honorary Doctorate of Music from the Berklee College of Music for her work on behalf of mental health awareness, depression and suicide prevention.

Tickets are \$40 and \$45.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Aventura Arts &

Cultural Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>aventuracenter.org</u>; by phone at 877-311-7469; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or at the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center box office Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to each performance. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers. For Group Sales, please call 954-660-6307.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts manages the Aventura Arts & Cultural Center, a 14,864-square-foot, 330-seat waterfront complex that hosts performing arts, cultural and educational programming for all ages. The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center is located at 3385 N.E. 188 Street in Aventura. Join the conversation on Twitter at #aventuracenter.

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