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**AVENTURA ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES  
THE 2017 BROADWAY CONCERT SERIES**  
*Tickets go on sale on July 19*

**AVENTURA, Fla.** – The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center 2017 Broadway Concert Series will feature four of the Great White Way’s brightest stars including Sierra Boggess (*The Little Mermaid, The Phantom of the Opera*), Leslie Odom, Jr. (*Hamilton, Rent*), Linda Lavin (veteran star of cabaret, stage and screen) and Billy Porter (*Kinky Boots*).

Opening this spectacular series is **Sierra Boggess** on **Wednesday, January 25 at 8 p.m.**, who made her Broadway debut in 2007 by originating the role of Ariel in Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*. After a two-year run, she took the starring role as Christine Daaé in *Love Never Dies*, the sequel to *The Phantom of the Opera*, followed by a role in the Broadway revival of *Master Class*. In 2013, Boggess returned as Christine Daaé in *The Phantom of the Opera* for the Broadway production’s 25th anniversary. Currently she is performing the role of school principal Rosalie Mullins in the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical adaptation of *School of Rock* but she is set to resume playing the role of Christine Daaé in the Paris production of *The Phantom of the Opera* for the show’s 30th anniversary.

Fresh off his run as Aaron Burr in the 2016 Tony Award-winning smash hit *Hamilton*, **Leslie Odom, Jr.** will take the stage on **Wednesday, March 15 at 8 p.m.** Recipient of the 2016 Tony Best Actor in a Musical Award for his role in *Hamilton*, Odom made his Broadway debut at the age of 17 playing Paul in *Rent*. He was awarded the 2012 Astaire Award for Outstanding Male Dancer on Broadway and a Drama Desk Award nomination for his work in the Alan Menken musical, *Leap of Faith*. Audiences also will recognize Odom for his starring role as Sam Strickland in NBC’s *SMASH* and recurring roles on *CSI Miami*, *Grey’s Anatomy* and Showtime’s *House of Lies*. He made his film debut in 2012 in *Red Trails*, which chronicled the Tuskegee Airmen.

Heralded by Stephen Holden of *The New York Times* as “A sizzling, electric connection...a human tornado!” – Tony and Golden Globe winner **Linda Lavin**

will perform on **Wednesday, March 29 at 8 p.m.** Known the world over for her wisecracking role as Alice Hyatt in the TV series *Alice*, she also has appeared on stage in *It's a Bird...It's a Plane...It's Superman*, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *Broadway Bound*, *Collected Stories*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Gypsy*, *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* and many others. Recently, she released her first CD, "Possibilities." A veteran of the cabaret circuit, Lavin will be joined by her trio for this concert.

The Aventura Broadway Concert Series will culminate with gifted and soulful singing sensation **Billy Porter** on **Sunday, April 2 at 7 p.m.** Porter is the 2013 winner of the Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical and the 2013 Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Outstanding Actor in a Musical for his role as Lola in the Tony Award-winning musical *Kinky Boots*. Following his stint on Broadway, the Grammy Award-winning singer and composer launched a successful solo career. Fans also may recognize him from his role in the movie *Twisted*, an adaptation of *Oliver Twist*, and his appearance on an episode of *The RuPaul Show*.

Individual tickets and four-show subscription packages go on sale July 19. Tickets for individual shows are \$40 and \$45. Four-show subscriptions are available at a savings of 15 percent on individual tickets if purchased in advance by September 2, 2016.

Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Aventura Arts & Cultural Center and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at [aventuracenter.org](http://aventuracenter.org); 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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### **CALENDAR BRIEF**

The Aventura Arts & Cultural Center 2016-2017 Broadway Concert Series will feature four of the Great White Way's brightest stars including Sierra Boggess (*The Little Mermaid*, *The Phantom of the Opera*) on Jan. 25, Leslie Odom, Jr. (*Hamilton*, *Rent*) on March 15, Linda Lavin (a veteran star of cabaret, stage and screen) on March 29 and Billy Porter (*Kinky Boots*) on April 2. Individual tickets

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