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## **Baltimore Center Stage Announces Broadway's Syndee Winters in a Special Concert Performance**



**Baltimore, MD January 4, 2019**---- Baltimore Center Stage is thrilled to announce Grammy-nominated Broadway actress Syndee Winters will be in concert on Saturday February 9, 2019 in the Pearlstone Theater for a one-night-only special performance of her album *Syndee Winters: Lessons From a Lady*, a musical love letter to American icon Lena Horne. Thanking her for her journey and sacrifice in her professional and personal life, Winters weaves stories and highlights the parallels of the life of Ms. Horne with those of her own professional and personal journey while infusing a beautiful interpretation of the standards Horne made famous, including "Yesterday, When I Was Young," and the iconic song from the 1970's film *The Wiz*, "Believe in Yourself."

Known for her incredible turns on Broadway, including roles in *Hamilton* and *Motown the Musical*, Winters has recently reprised her role as Nala in *The Lion King* on Broadway. She is nominated for a Grammy for her performance in NBC's *Jesus Christ Superstar* with John Legend. Like Horne, Winters considers herself both a storyteller and a songstress. She spent years researching and discovering Horne's lifelong work as a performer and activist. "I want people to know who she was, and how much work she put in so that space could exist for artists like myself, like Halle Berry, Diana Ross and so many others," Winters said. "She is very important, and so is her story." Winters was last at Baltimore Center Stage when she performed at the theater's 2017 benefit Gala.

"From the moment I met Syndee I fell in love with her, her spectacular voice, and her artistry, said Baltimore Center Stage Executive Director Michael Ross. "What a great Valentine to have her back on our Pearlstone stage." Later in February, Baltimore Center Stage will also host a workshop of Winters' one woman show *Lena: A Moment With a Lady*.

For interviews, please contact the public relations office at 410.986.4016 For more information, visit [www.centerstage.org](http://www.centerstage.org) or call the box office at 410.332.0033.



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### **ABOUT SYNDEE WINTERS**

Grammy nominated for her performance in the NBC Live Broadcast of Jesus Christ Superstar Live! alongside John Legend, Sara Bareilles, Alice Cooper, and Brandon Victor Dixon, Syndee Winters has performed on Broadway and holds several Broadway credits: *The Lion King*, *Pippin*, *Motown the Musical*, and *Hamilton: An American Musical*. She has performed globally for audiences which have included, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Sir Richard Branson, and Oprah Winfrey.

### **About Baltimore Center Stage**

Baltimore Center Stage is a theater committed to artistic excellence. We engage, enrich, and broaden the perspectives of diverse audiences through entertaining and thought-provoking work and educational programs. Named the State Theater of Maryland in 1978, Baltimore Center Stage has steadily grown as a leader in the national regional theater scene. Under Executive Director Michael Ross and Artistic Director Stephanie Ybarra, Baltimore Center Stage is committed to creating and presenting a diverse array of world premieres and exhilarating interpretations of established works. Baltimore Center Stage believes in access for all—creating a welcoming environment for everyone who enters its doors and, at the same time, striving to meet audiences where they are. In addition to Mainstage and intimate, affordable Bernard Black Box productions in the historic Mount Vernon neighborhood, Baltimore Center Stage ignites conversations across Baltimore and beyond through the Mobile Unit, which brings high-quality theater to economically, culturally and geographically diverse communities. The theater also nurtures the next generation of artists and theatergoers through the Young Playwrights Festival, Student Matinee Series, and many other educational programs for students, families, and educators.