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The VETS Open House

Thursday, September 8, 2016 4pm-7pm

The VETS Announces 2016-2017 Season

Providence, RI (August 22, 2016) [The VETS](#) (Veterans Memorial Auditorium) will host its first [Open House](#), since completing extensive renovations, on **Thursday, September 8, 2016** from 4pm-7pm. Entrance to the event will be free and open to the public. The VETS is located at **One Avenue of The Arts in Providence**.

Showcasing spectacular improvements to the historic venue for the people of Rhode Island, The VETS Open House will include tours of the newly updated facility. The event will take place in conjunction with the **Art League Rhode Island**'s opening of [Beyond Choreography](#) in The VETS Gallery. The **Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra**, **Festival Ballet Providence**, and **FirstWorks** will also be in attendance for guests to learn more about their 2016-2017 seasons coming to The VETS stage. There will be food, drinks, music, giveaways, and discounted tickets to select upcoming shows available only through The VETS box office. For more information visit [TheVetsRI.com](#)

About The 2016-2017 Season

The VETS is thrilled to see the return of popular, crowd-pleasing events to the theater like Disney Live! and Kathy Griffin; as well as new, talented, and exciting talent like Norah Jones, Ira Glass and Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox. Tickets to all The VETS shows can be purchased online at [www.TheVetsRI.com](#) or by calling (401) 421.ARTS (2787). The complete list of shows coming to The VETS this season is:

RIPR GALA 2016 FEATURING IRA GLASS
SEPTEMBER 24 • 7:00 PM

SCOTT BRADLEE'S POSTMODERN JUKEBOX
SEPTEMBER 29 • 8:00 PM

ODD SQUAD LIVE!
OCTOBER 7 • 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

COLIN MOCHRIE AND BRAD SHERWOOD
OCTOBER 16 • 7:00 PM

GIADA VALENTI: FROM VENICE WITH LOVE
OCTOBER 19 • 7:30 PM

BILLY GARDELL
OCTOBER 28 • 8:00 PM

FIRSTWORKS PRESENTS CIRQUE MECHANICS
OCTOBER 29 • 7:30 PM

JACKIE EVANCHO LIVE IN CONCERT
NOVEMBER 27 • 7:00 PM

DISNEY LIVE! MICKEY & MINNIE'S DOORWAY TO MAGIC
DECEMBER 3 - 4 • 12:00 PM & 3:00 PM

NORAH JONES DAY BREAKS WORLD TOUR
DECEMBER 8 • 8:00 PM

A CHRISTMAS CELTIC SOJOURN WITH BRIAN O'DONOVAN
DECEMBER 14 • 7:30 PM

SALUTE TO VIENNA NEW YEAR'S CONCERT
JANUARY 1 • 2:00 PM

PAW PATROL LIVE!
JANUARY 7 - 8 • 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

VOCALOSITY
JANUARY 25 • 7:30 PM

FIRSTWORKS PRESENTS PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY
FEBRUARY 3 • 8:00 PM

FESTIVAL BALLET PROVIDENCE PRESENTS ROMEO & JULIET
FEBRUARY 10 - 12 • 7:30 PM & 2:00 PM

FIRSTWORKS PRESENTS RENNIE HARRIS PUREMOVEMENT
FEBRUARY 24 • 8:00 PM

AARON TVEIT
FEBRUARY 26 • 7:00 PM

KATHY GRIFFIN
APRIL 9 • 7:00 PM

FESTIVAL BALLET PROVIDENCE PRESENTS CINDERELLA
MAY 12 – 14 • 7:30 PM & 2:00 PM

About The VETS

Since 1950, The VETS has held a unique place in the cultural life of Rhode Island as a performance venue for legendary artists, local performers and community traditions. The theater at The VETS has hosted a wide range of performers in recent years including Chris Botti, Mavis Staples, Wynton Marsalis, Savion Glover, Amy Schumer and Bryan Adams.

Furthering its commitment to arts and culture in Rhode Island, The VETS is home to five resident visual and performing arts companies: FirstWorks, the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, Festival Ballet Providence, the Rhode Island International Film Festival, and the Art League Rhode Island.

On the National Register of Historic Places, The VETS is located on the revitalized Avenue of the Arts across from the Rhode Island State House. With just over 1,900 seats, it is acclaimed for its unique combination of size and intimacy. The theater celebrates flawless acoustics, a breathtaking proscenium stage and exquisite interior with a one-of-a-kind ceiling featuring the shields of Rhode Island's original 39 communities.

In 2015 The VETS completed renovations that turned the theater into a state of the art performance facility and created multipurpose event spaces throughout the building that can be used for pre-show or post-show gatherings, business functions, and a variety of special events.

The VETS is overseen by the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority (RICCA) as part of the Rhode Island Convention and Entertainment Complex. It is managed by Professional Facilities Management (PFM).

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