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CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY PRESENTS JAZZ TRUMPETER AND VOCALIST BRIA SKONBERG AS PART OF CAL PERFORMANCES AT HOME, PERFORMING ARTS STREAMING SERIES THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 7PM (PST)

Fall 2020 streaming series features a premiere each week through January 14, 2021

This performance will be viewable for three months following the streaming premiere

Berkeley, December 10, 2020 — Cal Performances at UC Berkeley presents jazz trumpeter and vocalist Bria Skonberg in a virtual premiere that will begin streaming on Thursday, January 7 at 7pm (PST). The performance is one of 16 new, professionally produced full-length performances in the Fall 2020 *Cal Performances at Home* performing arts streaming series. The fall series will continue to premiere new performances each week through January 14, 2021. On the evenings of each streaming premiere, a special digital "watch party" will feature a participatory live chat element. More information about *Cal Performances at Home* can be found at <u>calperformances.org/at-home/</u>.

WHO In performances that combine the energy of New Orleans swing with the vocals of radio crooners past, trumpeter and vocalist Bria Skonberg recalls a time when jazz was our nation's popular music. Skonberg last performed at Cal Performances in April 2019, as part of the Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour. *For Cal Performances at Home* in a set recorded at the historic Louis Armstrong House in Queens, NY, she and her quintet perform selections from her latest album, *Nothing Never Happens*, a mix of jazz classics, vintage vocal tunes, original compositions, and new takes on pop songs by the likes of the Beatles, Queen, and Sonny Bono. Joining Skonberg for her *Cal Performances at Home* set are Doug Wamble on guitar, Patrick Bartley on clarinet and saxophone, Mathis Picard on piano, Enea Owens on bass, and Darrian Douglas on drums.

- **WHAT** Professionally produced, full-length streaming performance.
- **WHEN** Streaming premiere Thursday, January 7 at 7pm (PST). Following the premiere, this performance will be available to view on demand until April 7, 2021.
- **WHERE** Viewable online, streamed to any device with an internet connection. Access to the event will be provided upon registration. For more information on how to view *Cal Performances at Home*, please visit <u>calperformances.org/at-home/frequently-asked-questions</u>.
- **TICKETS** \$15 for a single viewer, \$30 for two viewers, and \$60 per household viewing.

All currently registered UC Berkeley undergraduate and graduate students can purchase a special <u>\$15 student pass</u> that provides access to all performances and events on the Fall 2020 *Cal Performances at Home* online streaming series. \$5 single event tickets are also available for UC Berkeley students.

Tickets are available at <u>calperformances.org/at-home</u> or by phone at (510) 642-9988.

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CONTENT: Video of a conversation between Bria Skonberg and Cal Performances executive and artistic director Jeremy Geffen will be live beginning one half-hour before the streaming premiere. Advance access to the interview is available for journalists by request. Send inquiries to <u>publicrelations@calperformances.org</u>.

By the time Bria Skonberg's performance premieres on January 7, the *Cal Performances at Home* library of offerings will feature performances streamable on demand by flutist, vocalist, and composer **Nathalie Joachim** with **Spektral Quartet, Darcy James Argue's Secret Society, Manual Cinema,** the **Matthew Whitaker Quartet,** cellist **David Finckel** and pianist **Wu Han,** and the **Dover Quartet.** All performances are available for three months following their premiere date except where indicated, and can be found at <u>calperformances.org/at-home</u>.

Over 45 *Now, More Than Ever* YouTube playlists of the performing arts, curated by Jeremy Geffen since the beginning of sheltering-in-place orders, can be found at <u>news.calperformances.org/now-more-than-ever</u>.

PRESS Complimentary press passes are available for reviewing journalists who wish to view the streaming premiere live on Thursday, January 7 at 7pm (PST). To request a press pass for the streaming premiere, please email <u>publicrelations@calperformances.org</u>.

Photos of Bria Skonberg performing for *Cal Performances at Home*, as well as headshots, are available to download from the <u>online press kit</u>.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

STREAM PREMIERE Thursday January 7, 2021, 7pm (PST)

Bria Skonberg, trumpet, vocals

Program:

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