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CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY PRESENTS SUNDAY SUPPER WITH THE STARS A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY HOPE BOYKIN SUNDAY, MAY 23 AT 6PM (PDT)

Program will include performances by Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Jeremy Denk, Mahan Esfahani, Renée Fleming and Robert Ainsley, Christine Goerke and Craig Terry, Jazzmeia Horn, Mark Morris Dance Group, Takács Quartet, Mitsuko Uchida, and yMusic

Free performance will be streamable online for 48 hours

Berkeley, May 5, 2021 — Cal Performances at UC Berkeley presents *Sunday Supper with the Stars*, a virtual celebration and fundraiser that will be available to stream for free on Sunday May 23, 2021 at 6pm (PDT). The event will be hosted by choreographer and recently retired longtime Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater dancer **Hope Boykin**, and will feature a variety of new performances that span the broad array of programming presented in the *Cal Performances at Home* performing arts streaming series. This event is free and open to the public, with <u>registration</u> required, and will remain available to stream for 48 hours following the premiere.

Sponsorship packages and VIP tickets are available, and include access to a pre-program party on Zoom, with the opportunity to mingle and socialize in private breakout rooms and enjoy drop-in appearances from surprise artists. VIP ticket holders, sponsors, and their guests will also enjoy a delivered Sunday Supper with wine pairings from East Bay caterer Market Hall. The pre-program VIP festivities begin at 5pm (PDT). More information about sponsor packages, as well as how to purchase VIP tickets, is available on the <u>website</u>.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Cal Performances' artistic and education programs. *Sunday Supper with the Stars* is co-chaired by Helen Meyer, Maris Meyerson, and Sara E. Wilson.

WHAT *Sunday Supper with the Stars* is a virtual celebration and fundraiser benefitting Cal Performances artistic and education programs. The newly produced, full-length, streaming program will feature:

Host: Hope Boykin

Artists:

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Jeremy Denk, *piano* Mahan Esfahani, *harpsichord* Renée Fleming, *soprano*, and Robert Ainsley, *piano* Christine Goerke, *soprano* and Craig Terry, *piano*

Performing works by:

Johann Sebastian Bach Jason Robert Brown Frédéric Chopin Samuel Coleridge-Taylor George Gershwin Mark Morris Jazzmeia Horn, *vocals*, with Keith Brown, *piano* Eric Wheeler, *bass* Anwar Marshall, *drums* Mark Morris Dance Group Beatrice Rana, *piano* Takács Quartet Mitsuko Uchida, *piano* yMusic

- Matthew Rushing Clifton Brown Yusha-Marie Sorzano Franz Schubert Harry Warren yMusic
- **WHEN** Streaming premiere Sunday, May 23 at 6pm (PDT). Following the premiere this performance will be available to stream for 48 hours, until 5:59pm on Tuesday, May 25.
- **WHERE** Viewable online, streamed to any device with an internet connection. Access to the event will be provided upon registration.
- **TICKETS** This event is free and open to the public, with <u>registration required</u>. Sponsorship packages and VIP tickets are available <u>online</u> through May 10, 2021, and begin at \$1,000.

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CONTENT: By the time the *Sunday Supper with the Stars* performance debuts on May 23, the *Cal Performances at Home* library of offerings will feature Spring 2021 performances streamable on demand with harpsichordist **Mahan Esfahani**, pianist **Mitsuko Uchida**, soprano **Christine Goerke**, pianist **Craig Terry**, pianist **Jeremy Denk**, vocalist **Jazzmeia Horn**, soprano **Renée Fleming**, **Bang on a Can**, and pianist **Beatrice Rana**. For a complete list of all *Cal Performances at Home* performances currently available visit <u>calperformances.org/buy</u>. All performances are available for three months following their debut date except where indicated.

60 *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>calperformances.org/nmte.</u>

PRESS Complimentary press passes are available for reviewing journalists. To request a press pass for this performance, please email <u>publicrelations@calperformances.org</u>.

Photos of the artists performing as part of *Sunday Supper with the Stars* are available to download from the <u>online press room</u>.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE: CAL PERFORMANCES PRESENTS

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