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**IN THE FINAL EVENT OF ITS 2021-22 IN-PERSON SEASON
CAL PERFORMANCES AT UC BERKELEY PRESENTS
LILA DOWNS
SATURDAY, MAY 7 AT 8PM
AT ZELLERBACH HALL**

Berkeley, April 22, 2022 — Cal Performances at UC Berkeley presents Mexican American singer and activist [Lila Downs on Saturday, May 7 at 8pm at Zellerbach Hall](#). Over the course of her 25-year career, Downs has earned multiple Grammy and Latin Grammy Awards and she is “no stranger to raising hell and consciousness through the power of song” (*Rolling Stone*). Her latest release, *Al Chile* (2019), is infused with the rhythms of *cumbia* and explores themes of pleasure and pain, suffering and redemption, through the metaphor of Mexico’s ubiquitous chili pepper. For this final event of Cal Performances’ 2021–22 in-person season, Downs will sing—in English, Spanish, and indigenous languages—her own compositions as well as those of others represented in her trademark genre-hopping repertoire. Her seven-piece ensemble accompanies her on accordion, *jarana*, *zapateado*, trumpet, trombone, guitar, bass, drums, and percussion.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination (and booster if eligible) is required for entry to the concert hall and masking will be mandatory for the duration of the event. More information about the precautions

Cal Performances is taking to protect the health and safety of its audiences, performers, and staff can be found [on Cal Performances' COVID-19 Protocols page.](#)

- WHO** Lila Downs
- WHAT** Mexican American singer and activist accompanied by her seven-piece ensemble, performing genre-hopping repertoire from her 25-year career.
- WHEN** Saturday, May 7 at 8pm
- WHERE** Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way at Dana Street, UC Berkeley campus
- TICKETS** \$36 to \$86 (prices subject to change). Half-price tickets are available for UC Berkeley students. Tickets are available at calperformances.org or by phone at (510) 642-9988.
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