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.@LaurinDarling will bring her entrancing melodies in a tribute to @NancyWilson at the @KimmelCenter 2/10! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**PHILADELPHIA-BASED JAZZ VOCALIST LAURIN TALESE  
PRESENTS *NANCY WILSON: THE SONG STYLIST*  
ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, December 18, 2017) — University of the Arts alumna and Philadelphia-based jazz vocalist Laurin Talese will headline an enchanting tribute performance to one of her biggest musical influences, iconic jazz singer Nancy Wilson, with *Nancy Wilson: The Song Stylist*, on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 8:00 pm in the Perelman Theater. Both Ohio natives, Laurin Talese and Nancy Wilson have an affinity for captivating lyrics, exquisite melodies, and musical storytelling.

“Jazz is a staple of the local music scene in Philadelphia, and Laurin Talese is one of the city’s rising jazz stars,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We are thrilled to host Talese’s Perelman Theater debut. She has been a friend of the Kimmel Center for a number of years now, and we can’t wait to hear how she blends her musical influencers and experiences into a dazzling showcase.”

Naturally gifted, yet highly trained, Laurin Talese has been mesmerizing audiences with her voice since the age of 10. She attended the Cleveland School of the Arts and, at an early age, received notoriety as a promising young vocalist. After completing high school, Talese relocated for school in Philadelphia, earning a Bachelor of Music degree in jazz vocal performance from the University of the Arts.

Laurin Talese is versatile within many musical genres and has worked with American recording artists including Ed Sheeran and Alicia Keys, most recently performing on the 59th Annual Grammy Awards in February 2017. Throughout her career, Talese has shared the stage with renowned classic and jazz

ensembles such as The Cleveland Orchestra, The Cleveland Jazz Heritage Orchestra, The Moses Hogan Chorale, and internationally-acclaimed Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg, Austria.

As a complement to her effortless vocal abilities, Talese is a passionate songwriter. The union of her pure tone and poignant lyrics with her vocal talent excite audiences around the globe. Most recently, Talese partnered with Grammy Award-winning drummer and producer, Ulysses Owens Jr, and internationally-acclaimed music director/producer, Adam Blackstone (BASSic Black Entertainment), to create her highly-anticipated debut album, *Gorgeous Chaos*, which was released on March 25, 2016.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Noel Gallagher's *High Flying Birds*** (February 13, 2018, Merriam Theater), ***Marsalis & Kunz, A Duet of Saxophone and Organ*** (February 16, 2018, Verizon Hall), ***Waitress*** (February 13-18, 2018, Forrest Theatre), **Regina Carter: *Simply Ella*** (March 24, 2018, Perelman Theater), **Patti LaBelle** (April 5, 2018, Academy of Music) and **PHILADANCO: *Success Stories*** (April 13-April 15, 2018, Perelman Theater).

#### **LAURIN TALESE**

#### **NANCY WILSON: THE SONG STYLIST**

**Perelman Theater**

*February 10, 2018, 8:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$25.50. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. See [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org) for more information.

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