



ANNENBERG THEATER
PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

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**TONY WINNERS LAURA BENANTI AND CHRISTINE EBERSOLE AMONG THE BROADWAY STARS
TO HEADLINE PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM'S ANNENBERG THEATER 2018-2019 SEASON**

Back-By-Popular-Demand Theme Spotlights Past Favorites

PALM SPRINGS, CA – (May 8, 2018) – Powerhouse performers are returning to raise the roof of the Annenberg Theater at Palm Springs Art Museum for the 2018-2019 season. An array of Broadway luminaries and celebrated vocalists from seasons' past are returning by popular demand with new material and new performance pairings.

The season kicks off on Nov. 17 with the **16th Annual Opening Night Benefit Concert: An Evening with Laura Benanti**. One of Broadway's most sought-after stars, Benanti's amazing range has been demonstrated in musical, comedic and dramatic roles, resulting in a total of five Tony nominations and a win for her performance as Gypsy Rose Lee in *Gypsy*. Benanti was originally to appear at the Annenberg last season but had to reschedule when she was cast in Steve Martin's hit comedy, *Meteor Shower*.

Following Benanti, the **Best-in-the-West Performance Series** begins on Jan. 19, 2019 with two singers who have appeared separately on the Annenberg stage and are now pairing for a special concert: Golden Globe winner and Grammy nominee Amanda McBroom teams up with Tony Award nominee and New York "Cabaret Star of the Year" Ann Hampton Callaway in *Divalicious*. Both women are celebrated singer-songwriters and will be accompanied by yet another great songwriter, Michele Brouman.

The season continues on Feb. 23 with *Christine Ebersole: After the Ball*, featuring the two-time Tony Award winner who triumphed most recently in *War Paint* along with Patti Lupone, and counts *Grey Gardens* and *42nd Street* among her many Broadway hits.

Grammy Award nominee Cheyenne Jackson is up next on March 16. Equally well known for his television work on *30 Rock* and *American Horror Story*, Jackson has racked up Broadway successes in *All Shook Up*, *Xanadu*, *Aida* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

The series rounds out on April 6 when Hugh Panaro returns. A veteran who has been in countless musical productions, Panaro is perhaps best known for his turn on Broadway as *The Phantom of the Opera* (25th anniversary cast).

The Annenberg season also includes the popular **Cabaret 88** series, a one-of-a-kind theatrical offering in which attendees are invited on the stage to be as close to the performer as possible. A diverse array of performing talent will spend an intimate evening with audiences in the

coming year, including Broadway regulars Julie Garnyé, Brent Barrett, Carolee Carmello, Spencer Day, and Matthew Hydzik.

Uniquely featured within Palm Springs Art Museum, the Annenberg Theater is a 430-seat, state-of-the-art venue which brings audiences a renowned combination of visual and performing arts. Tickets can be ordered online at psmuseum.org or through the theater box office at 760-325-4490.

About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley and includes three locations in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. The flagship building, located in downtown Palm Springs, features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion, features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen featuring rotating exhibitions and special collections. The Galen is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden. Admission to the Palm Desert location is free, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen.

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