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The Music Center Launches Summer Soundwaves

The Music Center Launches *Summer Soundwaves* Featuring Infectious Beats And Rocking Rhythms With Family Friendly Summer Entertainment On Its Jerry Moss Plaza

TICKETS ON SALE: August 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

LOS ANGELES (July 29, 2021)--Summertime fun continues as The Music Center launches The Music Center's Summer SoundWaves, a new outdoor music series that will take place on its Jerry Moss Plaza on two Saturday nights, August 21 and September 4, 2021. Programmed by TMC Arts, Summer SoundWaves will feature two affordable and



family-friendly concert performances, offering the sounds of an Angeleno summer and ranging from the musical fusions of Afro-Mexican rhythms to pulsating electronic dance beats. The first event features the quintessential L.A. band Las Cafeteras (August 21, 2021), reinvigorating the roots music of Latinidad with a modern thrust. The Music Center performance for the six-member band will treat the hometown crowd with new music and special guests before heading out on a nationwide tour that includes appearances at the Monterey Jazz and New Orleans Jazz and Heritage festivals. The second event, "A Night with Juke Bounce Werk" (September 4, 2021), concludes Summer SoundWaves with featured guest JLin and a host of DJs, including DJ Clent and DJ SWISHA dropping House beats at The Music Center. Each performance will begin at 8:00 p.m.

General admission tickets for Summer SoundWaves go on sale on August 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$20 per person for individuals ages 12 and older; up to four free child tickets (age 12 and under) will be available per order with the purchase of one adult ticket. To purchase general admission tickets, and for information, call (213) 972-0711 or visit musiccenter.org.

"One of our key goals in renovating Jerry Moss Plaza at The Music Center in 2019 was to amplify the fun potential of a wide-open, welcoming space with dance and music performances that would

appeal to the diverse and limitless entertainment tastes of Angelenos," said Rachel Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center. "We started the summer with our in-person Dance at Dusk series, bringing the best in dance experiences to Los Angeles, and continue now with our first season of Summer SoundWaves for a party-like atmosphere with incredible bands, DJs and special guests that make hot summer nights cool."

"There's no better way to launch Summer SoundWaves than with East L.A.'s own Las Cafeteras. We're looking forward to filling Jerry Moss Plaza with the band's infectious, positive vibe. We're also thrilled about JLin along with an amazing collective of Footwork DJs and King Charles who'll create a dance party that won't want to stop! We appreciate working with our partners at dublab and Juke Bounce Werk and thank them for their support curating an evening featuring these terrific artists," added Josephine Ramirez, executive vice president, TMC Arts. "Plus, kids under age 12 get in free, so families and friends can gather and groove together outdoors on a Saturday night."

The Music Center continues to embrace important safety practices to protect our guests, artists and staff. It is encouraging guests to wear face coverings while on its campus. No matter their vaccination status, guests must wear face coverings once they enter the outdoor concert area on Jerry Moss Plaza. No proof of testing or vaccine is required for Summer SoundWaves. Food and beverages will be available for sale on-site. No outside alcohol is permitted. All tickets will be digital for these performances, to be scanned by usher staff on-site. Signage will be posted reminding

visitors who may be experiencing COVID-related symptoms that they should not enter the premises. Self-parking will be available in The Music Center Main Campus Garage, accessible via the Grand Avenue entrance. Valet parking will not be open.

In accordance with CDC and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health directives, The Music Center worked behind-the-scenes during the pandemic to prepare for the return of live performances in its venues, both indoors and outdoors, by implementing new measures, protocols and procedures to minimize risk for its guests and employees. The Music Center became the first performing arts organization in the nation to earn the UL Verified Healthy Buildings Mark for Indoor Air and Water Quality. The Music Center underwent an extensive assessment process to earn the verification, demonstrating that each of its four venues--Walt Disney Concert Hall, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Mark Taper Forum and Ahmanson Theatre--as well as Grand Park's administrative office and The Music Center Annex, has excellent quality for indoor air and water. Please visit musiccenter.org/safety for information about The Music Center's safety and security measures.

The Music Center's Summer SoundWaves*

Las Cafeteras

Special guests: Crisia Regalado, Moisés Baquero and Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles dancers

August 21, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Moss Plaza at The Music Center

Las Cafeteras has taken the music scene by storm with its infectious live performances, which cross genre and musical borders. The band has toured the world, bringing its electric sound and energy and playing shows from the Bonnaroo to the Hollywood Bowl, WOMAD New Zealand to Montreal Jazz, and beyond. Born and raised east of the Los Angeles River, Las Cafeteras is remixing roots music and telling modern-day stories to create a vibrant musical fusion with a unique East L.A. sound and positive message. The group's Afro-Mexican beats, rhythms and rhymes deliver inspiring lyrics that document stories of a community seeking love and justice in the concrete jungle of Los Angeles. Using traditional Son Jarocho instruments like the jarana, requinto, quijada (donkey jawbone) and tarima (a wooden platform), Las Cafeteras sings in English, Spanish and Spanglish with a mix of sounds, from rock to Hip-Hop to rancheras. The band is an "uniquely Angeleno mishmash of punk, hip-hop, beat music, cumbia and rock ... live, they're magnetic" (Los Angeles Times). Las Cafeteras uses music as a vehicle to build bridges among different cultures and communities and creates "a world where many worlds fit." The band has performed with Mexican icons Caifanes and Lila Downs; Colombian superstar Juanes; Los Angeles legends Ozomatli; folk/indie favorites Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros; and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as well as the Brooklyn-based MC, Talib Kweli; among others.

During The Music Center appearance, Las Cafeteras will perform their classic songs with fresh arrangements, as well as new singles such as "La Sirena" and "Oaxaca Love Song No. 2," which is set to release on September 17th. The socially minded, roots-influenced band will be joined by Crisia Regalado from Sin Color and Moisés Baquero from El Conjunto Nueva Ola, along with dancers from Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles, who have created choreography specifically for this program.

"A Night with Juke Bounce Werk"

Featured guest artist JLin DJ SWISHA

DJ Clent & DJ Corey

DJ Noir

Jae Drago

G Frequent

King Charles and his Creation Global Crew

Additional artists to be announced

September 4, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Moss Plaza at The Music Center

Presented in association with Juke Bounce Werk and dublab

Footwork music emerged out of Chicago at the turn of the century and is a style of electronic dance music with elements of Hip-Hop and up-tempo percussion for step-driven dances. The Music Center celebrates Labor Day Weekend and concludes Summer SoundWaves with "A Night with Juke Bounce Werk," featuring special guest artist JLin, one of the most prominent female producers of the current generation. JLin is an experimental electronic artist and composer who last performed at The Music Center in 2019 with her score to Wayne McGregor's *Autobiography* during its Los Angeles premiere; her composition as well as McGregor's choreography was based on his genome reading. Presented by The Music Center in association with Juke Bounce Werk and dublab, "A Night with Juke Bounce Werk" also features a line-up of some of the best DJs from across the country and Los Angeles, including one of the three original founders of Footwork, DJ Clent performing with his son DJ Corey; as well as Juke Bounce Werk members DJ SWISHA, DJ Noir, Jae Drago and G Frequent. Juke Bounce Werk is one of the most active DJ collectives in the city of Los Angeles pushing the Juke/Footwork sound. The collective has grown to international status with a total of 12 members across the U.S. and New Zealand, producing Footwork-focused dance events and workshops from coast to coast while regularly releasing digital and limited vinyl projects by its roster of artists. Not to be outdone by the music, Chicago Footwork ambassadors King Charles and his Creation Global Crew will dance on stage during the DJ sets with their fast-paced footwork style, and then among the crowd, sharing their exceptional talent and skill with guests and teaching basic steps to keep them moving throughout the night.

The Music Center's Summer SoundWaves is generously supported by Cindy Miscikowski/Ring- Miscikowski Foundation/The Ring Foundation, Tina and Jerry Moss/Moss Foundation and Friends of TMC Arts.

****Programs, artists and safety protocols subject to change. Photos available here.***

About The Music Center

The Music Center convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. The non-profit performing arts organization has two divisions: TMC Arts and TMC Ops. TMC Arts, The Music Center's programming engine, provides year-round programming inside The Music Center's four theatres, on Jerry Moss Plaza, outside at Grand Park--a 12- acre adjacent green space--in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County and on a digital platform called The Music Center Offstage. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with Glorja Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center, free and low-cost public concerts and events, as well as K-12 arts education programs along with workshops, performances, interactive experiences and special events on The Music Center Offstage. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the Plaza and Grand Park on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies--Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil. For more information, visit musiccenter.org. Follow The Music Center on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @MusicCenterLA.

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