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'Jazz at the Pollock' Guest Artist Concert To Feature Vocalist Emma Larsson

PALM DESERT, CA — College of the Desert's first guest artist concert of the 2017-2018 "Jazz at the Pollock" season will feature New York-based jazz vocalist and composer Emma Larsson.

Larsson will perform a set of original compositions at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, in the Pollock Theatre. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 for students, \$10 for public.

Hailing from Sweden, with her vocal and composition skills further honed in Finland, Emma Larsson released two critically acclaimed recordings in Europe before moving to New York in 2011. Her latest release, "Sing to the Sky," on Origin Records, presents a set of seven original songs along with evocative arrangements of the classic "Here's to Life" and Sade's "No Ordinary Love." Along with veteran NY drummer, Billy Drummond, bassist Eric Revis, pianist Shedrick Mitchell and saxophonist Kenneth Whalum III, Larsson harkens the spirit of Betty Carter in her approach to time and tempos, adventurous song forms, and her embrace of soaring melodies.

"All About Jazz" has hailed Larsson as "a new class of vocalists who are pushing the limits of jazz vocals to the edge of post bop conventional wisdom into a realm not otherwise traveled." Emma Larsson will be joined by Professor of Music Anthony Fesmire, D.A., on guitar; Reed Gratz, D.M.A., on piano; David Lockeretz on bass; and David Oromaner on drums. This concert is made possible through the Carol G. Meier Visiting Artist Fund.

Each season, the "Jazz at the Pollock" series will present faculty, student and guest artist concerts that take advantage of the intimacy of the college's Pollock Theatre and showcase the Jazz Studies program at College of the Desert.

Mark your calendars now for future "Jazz at the Pollock" concerts scheduled for Oct. 20, featuring COD Adjunct Music Faculty member and pianist Dan Waddell; and Dec. 6, featuring the Jazz Combo students directed by Fesmire.

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About College of the Desert's Music Program:

The College of the Desert Music Department offers a comprehensive music major program leading to an AA-T degree with guaranteed transfer to the California State University system. Areas of concentration are offered in both traditional and jazz studies. Ensembles offered at College of the Desert include Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combos, Chamber Singers, and Jazz Singers. In addition to the AA-T, COD offers certificates in Musical Theatre, and Music Technology.

For more information about the college's music program, contact COD Music Professor Anthony Fesmire, D.A. (instrumental), at afesmire@collegeofthedesert.edu, or COD Music Professor Darlene Romano, D.M.A. (vocal), at dromano@collegeofthedesert.edu.

About College of the Desert:

Established in 1958, College of the Desert (COD), located in Palm Desert, is an accredited community college serving eastern Riverside County, California. The College leads the region in providing quality, higher education, technical training and lifelong learning opportunities, in response to the dynamic needs of our diverse community. The College serves more than 14,000 credit students and 1,000 non-credit students each year and is the number one source of transfer students to California State University, San Bernardino Palm Desert Campus. For more information, visit www.collegeofthedesert.edu.

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