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# COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES VOCALIST FOR AT LAST – A TRIBUTE TO ETTA JAMES

Broadway's Crystal Monee Hall announced as featured soloist for November 27 world premiere

Oct. 26, 2021 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony has announced the addition of Crystal Monee Hall as featured vocalist on the November 27 performance of At Last – A Tribute to Etta James. This world premiere performance is being created and presented in collaboration with the Etta James Estate and Crystal Monee Hall.



Crystal Monee Hall is a singer/songwriter, composer, vocal arranger and producer and music director based in New York City. Her varied career has included roles on Broadway (<u>"RENT"</u> and Kristen Chenoweth's "For the Girls"), sold out tours with <u>Mickey Hart (Grateful Dead)</u> and Dave Schools (Widespread Panic), and guest appearance on the CW's *Walker* and HBO's *High Maintenance*. She has released three original albums, with work from her most recent EP <u>"If You Breathe"</u> called 'riveting' by Billboard Magazine.

Composing, arranging, directing, performance and vocal production credits include: Ayodele Casel (Chasing Magic), Walker (CW network), A Beautiful Noise (Gospel Arrangement, Biden/Harris Campaign), Ben Platt: Live From Radio City Music Hall, Donkey Hodie (PBS Kids), Nature Cat (PBS Kids), Alma's Way (PBS Kids), Fearless (Mandy Gonzalez' Album), Black Ink Crew (VH1), Broadway Inspirational Voices, Craig David's <u>"All We Needed,"</u> (official song of the BBC's 2016 Children In Need campaign), Cynthia Erivo (PBS Special), Mickey Hart Band, Kristen Chenoweth (For the Girls, Broadway), After the Storm (Ahrens and Flaherty), Quilters (NYU Tisch New School on Broadway), Sister Act (NYU Tisch New School on Broadway), Thomas Rhett, Renee Elise Goldsberry, John Legend, Patti Austin, Oleta Adams, Mariah Carey, Elton John, Kesha (Grammys 2018), Roy Ayers, Scott Alan, Shayna Steele, Jason Mraz, Spencer Day, Mandy Gonzalez, Ledisi, Kanye West, The Last Internationale. Find out more about Crystal at <u>crystalmoneehall.com</u>, and follow her on social media @crystalmonee.

One of the most dynamic vocalists of her time, Etta James was a master of multiple musical genres, and the revered vocalist continues to greatly inspire musicians today. Despite personal struggle, James released over two dozen albums throughout her career, receiving over 30 awards including six GRAMMY<sup>®</sup> Awards, seventeen Blues Music Awards, inductions into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and GRAMMY<sup>®</sup> Hall of Fame, and ranking in Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Singers of All Time and 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. James' tenacity throughout the decades propelled her to the ranks of the



musical elite. Join your Colorado Symphony for a world premiere concert celebrating Etta James' iconic album, At Last! this November.

For more information, please contact the Colorado Symphony Box Office at 303.623.7876.

EVENT INFORMATION: What: At Last – A Tribute to Etta James Where: Boettcher Concert Hall When: Saturday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: <u>https://tickets.coloradosymphony.org/6019</u>

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### TICKETS:

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events are available online at coloradosymphony.org/tickets or by phone at 303.623.7876. The Box Office is open Monday - Friday, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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