

**MONTALVO ARTS CENTER PRESENTS MAY EVENTS:
BROADWAY'S NEXT HIT MUSICAL,
AN EVENING WITH TOM RUSH,
"LIVE FROM LAUREL CANYON,"
RAUL MALO,
WILLIE K
IN CARRIAGE HOUSE CONCERT SERIES
May 3, 8, 10, 15, and 16, 2019**

WHAT: Montalvo Arts Center continues its captivating 2018-2019 *Carriage House Concert Series* this May with five ground-breaking performances.

May 3 – 8:00pm: The only unscripted theatrical award show of its kind, **Broadway's Next Hit Musical** hits the stage with some of New York's finest master improvisers. Gathering made-up hit song suggestions from the audience, these pros then create a spontaneous showcase of music, humor, and laughter. The audience votes for their favorite song, and watches as the cast turns it on-the-spot into a full blown musical—complete with memorable characters, witty dialogue, and plot twists galore. Hailed as all-improvised and all-funny, this evening is indeed a one-of-a-kind experience.

May 8 – 7:30pm: Blues and folk artist Tom Rush and guitarist Matt Nakoa take the stage in **An Evening with Tom Rush**. Having made a profound impact on American pop culture, Tom Rush is known for his own hit compositions such as "No Regrets," as well as introducing songs by Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, Jackson Browne, and many others. Attributed by *Rolling Stone* as shepherding the era of the singer/songwriter, Rush also helped shape the folk revival in the '60s, and the folk renaissance of the '80s and '90s. Along with his distinctive guitar style, Rush's wry humor and warm, expressive voice create an evening filled with the rib-aching laughter of terrific story-telling and the passion of gritty blues.

May 10 – 8:00pm: "Live from Laurel Canyon" weaves together beloved music and stories that inspired iconic moments during the Laurel Canyon era. Similar to other legendary rock 'n' roll neighborhoods like Haight Ashbury or Greenwich Village, Laurel Canyon in the Hollywood Hills hosted an enclave of artists between 1965 and 1975. Among the musicians performing were The Mamas and The Papas, The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, The Doors, James Taylor, Carole King, Joni Mitchell, and the Eagles, who would forever change the look, sound,

and attitude of American pop music. More than a tribute act, “Live from Laurel Canyon” performs beloved music, but also shares the stories that inspired these iconic moments in music history.

May 15 – 7:30pm: Raul Malo is the incomparable frontman of the genre-defying band, The Mavericks, and the sole writer of many of their songs. His free-wheeling, swaggering style seamlessly blends neotraditional country, cow-punk, rockabilly, and Latin rhythmic fervor. His compositional craftsmanship includes timeless hits like “Here Comes the Rain,” “Crying Shame,” and “All You Ever Do Is Bring Me Down.” Known for his demonstrable skill for getting listeners to groove, Malo and his lush, soaring baritone will have audience members dancing in the Carriage House aisles.

May 16 – 7:30pm: Hailed by the *Honolulu Pulse* for his ability to “play or sing almost anything an American audience might ask for,” **Willie K** will bring Bay Area audiences an all-encompassing music performance. Playing everything from indigenous acoustic Hawaiian music to jazz, reggae, rock, country, and even opera, Willie K leaves audiences slack-jawed in astonishment. His impassioned vocals and blistering guitar licks have won him multiple Nā Hōkū Awards along with legions of devoted fans, some of which include the late performing artist Prince and President Barack Obama.

WHEN: **Broadway's Next Hit Musical**
8:00pm, Friday, May 3, 2019
Tickets: \$59 Reserved, \$65 Premier

An Evening with Tom Rush
Accompanied by Matt Nakoa
7:30pm, Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Tickets: \$38 Reserved, \$43 Premier

“Live From Laurel Canyon”
Songs & Stories of American Folk Rock
8:00pm, Friday, May 10, 2019
Tickets: \$51 Reserved, \$56 Premier

Raul Malo
7:30pm, Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Tickets: \$53 Reserved, \$59 Premier

Willie K
7:30 pm, Thursday, May 16, 2019
Tickets: \$44 Reserved, \$49 Premier

WHERE: **Montalvo Arts Center, 15400 Montalvo Rd., Saratoga**

INFO: For information or to order tickets visit montalvoarts.org or call (408) 961-5858, Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm.

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