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2018 Proteus Festival Headliners Announced **Kishi Bashi and The Hunts to Headline First Proteus Festival.**

Virginia Beach - Zeiders American Dream Theater (The Z) in Town Center under the leadership of Artistic Director Bart Kuebler and Executive Director Terry Flint, is pleased to present the first Proteus Festival which coincides with brand new facility opening.

Zeiders American Dream Theater's new 309 seat Main Stage Theater and 120 seat Studio Theater will open its doors the same weekend as Proteus Festival. Proteus Festival begins **October 5** through **October 7, 2018** with 3 Day Standard Badges (\$75) and 3 Day Gold Badges (\$150) going on sale July 30, 2018 at 10am. Single Day Admission Wristbands and Special Hotel Packages will also be available on July 30, 2018.

"I am thrilled to be bringing in both The Hunts and Kishi Bashi as featured artists during the inaugural Proteus Festival. We started Proteus Festival to spread our vision of building a vibrant creative community, and we could find no better examples of what that means than these two artists." says Bart Kuebler, Artistic Director.

The Hunts are an indie-alternative-folk band comprised of seven brothers and sisters. Born and raised in the south lands of Chesapeake, Virginia, the siblings grew up in a musical home and fell in love with composing their own music. With over 10 million listens on Spotify and tours with X Ambassadors and The Fray, The Hunts will headline the Friday Night Studio Theater Premier Performance on October 5 which is sponsored by Clark Nexsen.

Violinist, singer and composer, **Kishi Bashi**, released his sophomore album titled *Light*, in May 2014. Taking its title from the one-word poem by minimalist poet Aram Saroyan, *Light* (pronounced "Light") continues and expands the sound of his critically acclaimed debut, *151a*, which earned Kishi Bashi the title of "Best New Artist" for 2012 by NPR. "Kishi Bashi is an artist of local origin, unquestionable artistic integrity, and matchless creativity, reaching across multiple forms of expression. He continues to blaze new trails in music and film, expanding the scope of what is possible with one performer and a violin- and for this performance, we are thrilled to be adding a full string section to boot!" Kuebler says.

Additional artists and full lineup to be announced later this summer.

Zeiders American Dream Theater is located at 4509 Commerce Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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ABOUT PROTEUS FESTIVAL

Proteus Festival presents a series of unique performances, presentations, and original works in three creative disciplines: music, theater, and film. A festival badge allows admission to all events on a first-come, first-served basis for the entire festival. Coupled with performances and film screenings, there are panel discussions with artists, producers, directors, and other creative professionals; participatory public art installations; afterparties and networking meet ups; and pop-up artistic and culinary surprises.

ABOUT ZEIDERS AMERICAN DREAM THEATER

Zeiders American Dream Theater, known as The Z, is a professional, non-profit performing arts company whose mission is to provide a wide range of highly entertaining artistic experiences to the community by fostering and introducing new works and exceptionally gifted artists in all areas of the performing arts. The Z is a community hub for celebrating creative growth and entertainment. With intimate performance spaces and unique programming that generates an exciting connection between the performer and the audience, The Z inspires audiences and performers to tap into their own creative spark, unleash their dreams, and achieve their full potential. TheZ.org

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