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2018 Proteus Festival Badges and Wristbands On Sale

Kishi Bashi and The Hunts to Headline First Proteus Festival

Virginia Beach (August 21, 2018) - 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 grand opening.

Zeiders American Dream Theater's new state of the art theater consisting of a 309 seat Main Stage Theater and 120 seat Studio Theater will open its doors the same weekend as Proteus Festival. Taking its roots from the likes of SXSW in Austin, Texas, Proteus Festival offers a whole weekend of music, theater and film. Proteus Festival begins **October 5** through **October 7, 2018** with 3 Day Standard Badges (\$75), 3 Day Gold Badges (\$150) and Single Day Admission Wristbands (\$25) currently on sale.

A 3-Day Standard Badge gives you admittance to The Z for all three days of the Festival and access to all Festival activities (first come, first serve!). A 3-Day Gold Badge gives you admittance to The Z for all three days of the Festival and access to all Festival activities with front of line priority privileges and access to the Gold Badge Lounge before Saturday's Main Stage Act.

"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 Artistic Director Bart Kuebler.

The 2018 Proteus Festival lineup features a diverse range of acts, spanning music genres like rock, electronic, folk, blues, celtic, and more. Lead artists BJ Griffin (music), CORE Theatre Ensemble (Theater) and Jason Kypros (Film) will also take top spots during the three day festival. There will be four new plays making debuts during the festival along with screening the movie, *The Joneses* starring Demi Moore and David Duchovny. *The Joneses* director, Derrick Borte, will be in town to screen the movie and join a panel to talk about the movie and his filmmaking. Another film being screened with a talkback afterward is Kishi Bashi's *Omoiyari*, which is a documentary focusing on human interaction. Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music will

have their own stage showcasing over a dozen concerts from local musicians, bands, and songwriters.

Other venues taking part in Proteus Festival include The Westin, Sandler Center for the Arts, and Regal Cinemas. These locations will serve as other places to catch a film, workshop, panel discussion and classes. Public art will also take over the Town Center Plaza and the new plaza in front of Zeiders American Dream Theater. Culinary pop ups including a Saturday morning pancake bar from Tupelo Honey Restaurant and Nektar Liquor tasting. Those are just a few of the offerings on the schedule. Each day will conclude with an after party in The Z's Main Lobby.

Additional artists and a day by day schedule will be released in September.

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

Zeiders American Dream Theater is funded in part by the citizens of Virginia Beach through a grant from the City of Virginia Beach Arts and Humanities Commission.

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; after parties and networking meetups; 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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