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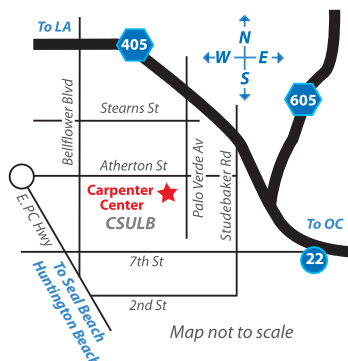
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2026 – 2027

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Patti LuPone: Songs From a Hat



THU, MAR 18, 2027 AT 8PM

Spend an evening with a true Broadway legend as three-time Tony Award winner Patti LuPone performs an evening of showstoppers in *Songs From a Hat*, where she selects her most famous and personal favorite songs from slips of paper in her top hat. Unscripted and full of hits.

Experience the icon of stage and screen in this special night at the Carpenter Center benefitting our classroom educational program. VIP ticket buyers receive a pre-show champagne toast, a signed poster from the event, and premium seating!

WIT & WISDOM SERIES

An Evening with Elizabeth Gilbert

SAT, SEP 19, 2026 AT 8PM

With wisdom and radical candor, Elizabeth Gilbert, bestselling author of *Eat, Pray, Love* and *Big Magic*, has inspired millions to live more creative, courageous lives. In this revealing evening, Gilbert talks about the surprising ways in which chasing a 'purpose' in life can hinder creativity and freedom.



An Evening with Adam Kinzinger

SAT, JAN 30, 2027 AT 8PM

Former U.S. Congressman Adam Kinzinger, author of the *New York Times* bestselling memoir *Renegade*, is a leading voice on democracy, civic responsibility, and political reform. Drawing on his years in public service, including as a member of the January 6th Committee, Kinzinger offers his fearless perspective on the state of American politics and shares his story of faith, service, and political duty.



An Evening with Jen Hatmaker

SAT, MAR 27, 2027 AT 8PM

Host of the *For the Love* podcast and author of five *New York Times* bestsellers, Jen Hatmaker explores the complexities of modern life with humor and wisdom through candid stories of resilience, intention, and the liberation of beginning again. Her latest book, the *New York Times* bestselling memoir *Awake*, is a raw account of the night her 26-year marriage ended—and the unexpected journey that followed.



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Samantha Bee

Date and time to be announced

Emmy Award-winning comedian Samantha Bee brings her razor-sharp wit to our stage for an evening of incisive and cathartic humor. Bee joined *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart in 2003 and had her own weekly late-night comedy series, *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*. Honored as one of *TIME*'s 100 Most Influential People, she currently hosts *Choice Words with Samantha Bee*, her weekly podcast exploring the personal choices that have shaped lives.



COMEDY



JAZZ

SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

Gretchen Parlato

FRI, OCT 2, 2026 AT 8PM

Since the early 2000s, Parlato has been celebrated as one of the most inventive and mesmerizing jazz vocalists of her generation, performing alongside legends like Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, and Esperanza Spalding. Grammy-nominated and internationally acclaimed, Parlato presents music from her new album, *The Wise Ones*, weaving jazz, R&B, and soul with bassist Alan Hampton, drummer Mark Guiliana, and pianist Gerald Clayton.

On our Cabaret Stage!



Nella

FRI, DEC 11, 2026 AT 8PM

Venezuelan-born Nella delivers a modern take on soulful songs, inspired by Venezuela's folkloric roots and Andalusian music. From Berklee College of Music graduate to 2019 Latin Grammy Award winner for Best New Artist, Nella also received praise from *NPR* for her first album, *Voy*. *The New York Times* named the title track the 14th best song of 2019.

On our Cabaret Stage!

SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS



Bilal

THU, SEP 24, 2026 AT 8PM

Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, and producer Bilal returns for an electrifying set rooted in his deep love of soul, funk, and jazz. Fresh material and fan favorites showcase this innovative artist at the height of his powers.

Queens-born Yaya Bey opens for Bilal with songs from her latest album, *Fidelity*.

FUNK



DAVID BENOIT A TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

FEATURING COURTNEY FORTUNE

SAT, DEC 12, 2026 AT 8PM

Share the festive spirit with family and friends in this evening of tunes by Vince Guaraldi from the holiday classic *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Starring five-time Grammy nominee jazz pianist David Benoit, this must-see show features the cherished holiday songs that have charmed generations, alongside contemporary classics.

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER PRESENTS
World on a String featuring
Kate Kortum and David Marino
SUN, JAN 31, 2027 AT 6PM

DownBeat award winner and Juilliard graduate Kate Kortum and *The Voice* finalist David Marino join the Jazz at Lincoln Center PRESENTS series for debut arrangements from Broadway's most beloved productions. Backed by a swinging quartet, these rising stars wow with favorites from *Hamilton*, *Wicked*, *South Pacific*, *West Side Story*, and more.



RISING STARS

Forever Tango

SUN, DEC 6, 2026 AT 6PM

Sensuous and sophisticated, *Forever Tango* brings Argentina's most iconic dance to our stage with world-class performers and an eleven-piece orchestra. Set against the tango's origins in 19th-century Buenos Aires, original and traditional music accompany choreography that captures the passion, drama, and culture of tango across time.

The All New Wizard of Oz on Ice

SUN, MAR 14, 2027 AT 3PM

Skate down the yellow brick road with Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion in this reimagined, all-new production filled with breathtaking choreography, vibrant costumes, and eye-popping special effects. World-champion ice skaters reimagine the classic story of wonder, friendship, and adventure in a spectacle set to original compositions by renowned Disney music producers. Enchanting for both the young and young at heart!

MOMIX: Botanica

SUN, MAY 2, 2027 AT 6PM

Botanica is a lush, surreal journey through nature's ever-changing imagery, following the rhythms of the seasons and the passing of a day. This larger-than-life spectacle fuses world-class athleticism with an eclectic score ranging from birdsong to the elegance of Vivaldi. With gravity-defying props, cinematic projections, and whimsical puppetry, MOMIX animates nature's beauty with an extra dose of fantasy.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES

Live from Laurel Canyon Presents: Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

SUN, SEP 27, 2026 AT 3PM

This captivating tribute to CSNY, folk rock's first supergroup, includes unforgettable classics including "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes," "Teach Your Children," and "Helplessly Hoping," as well as songs from their individual catalogs alongside the stories behind the music.



The Doo Wop Project Echoes of the Street

SUN, OCT 4, 2026 AT 3PM

Joined by a smokin' hot band, the Doo Wop Project celebrate a genre that never lost its cool. Hear classics by The Four Seasons, The Marcells, and more in this all-new show, plus doo-wopified hits by Taylor Swift and Daft Punk.



Splintered Sunlight Tribute to the Grateful Dead

SUN, JAN 24, 2027 AT 3PM

Splintered Sunlight have earned an enthusiastic following among Deadheads for their deep understanding of the band's improvisational traditions and for their faithful covers from the Grateful Dead's catalog—from the hits to the forgotten gems.



Live and Let Die The Music of Paul McCartney Featuring Tony Kishman

SUN, MAR 21, 2027 AT 3PM

Celebrate the music of Paul McCartney as Tony Kishman delivers an exceptionally faithful performance that spans the Beatles' classics and McCartney's solo hits, from "Hey Jude" to "Maybe I'm Amazed."





Sa Dance Company: An Indian American Dance Experience

SAT, OCT 24, 2026 AT 8PM

Celebrate the power, resilience, and spirit of womanhood as you follow the journey of an Indian woman—her youthful dreams, the weight of societal expectations, the strength to overcome adversity, and the hope that emerges through faith and sisterhood. RISE pays tribute to the generations of grandmothers, aunts, and mothers whose unwavering determination and boundless generosity have paved the way for the women of today.

Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana Quinto Elemento

SAT, MAR 20, 2027 AT 8PM

Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana ventures beyond flamenco's bounds to explore the elusive fifth element—ether, the essence that makes up the space around us—in this new evening-length work by acclaimed choreographer Patricia Guerrero, featuring an original score by Francis Gómez performed live.

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

SAT, FEB 6, 2027 AT 8PM

"A company that brings its audiences pure joy."
—*The Seattle Times*

The internationally beloved all-male comic ballet company is back with more breathtaking pointe work and hilarious parodies of classical ballet favorites. Whether you're a ballet aficionado or don't know a plié from a jeté, the prima ballerinas of the Trocks deliver hilarity and awe. It's the most fun you'll ever have at the ballet!

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENTS

Mumu Fresh

FRI, OCT 16, 2026 AT 8PM

Maimouna Youssef (aka Mumu Fresh) is a Grammy-nominated singer, MC, songwriter, activist, and acclaimed hip hop artist who has been called a “quadruple threat” by the Roots’ Black Thought and “groundbreaking” by Oscar-winning artist, Common. Mumu Fresh draws from her expansive musical background in gospel, jazz, soul, hip hop, and more in this uplifting program.



Pacífico Dance Company *Mujeres de Mexico: Stories in Motion*

FRI, DEC 4, 2026 AT 8PM

Experience the vibrant traditions of Mexican folklórico dance with spectacular costumes, dynamic footwork, and storytelling through movement as the company highlights regional dances from across Mexico.



Tien Hsieh

FRI, MAR 26, 2027 AT 8PM

Join us for a moving evening featuring the artistry and virtuosity of classical pianist Tien Hsieh. A prizewinner of competitions including the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition and Pacific Piano Competition, Hsieh is also a recipient of the prestigious Roy M. Rubinstein Award from the Manhattan School of Music.



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Cabaret SERIES



ADD-ON DINNER SERVICE 6-6:45PM
PERFORMANCE 7PM

Every seat is on the stage and less than 40 feet from the artist!

Tierney Sutton & Tamir Hendelman

WED/THU, SEP 30-OCT 1, 2026 AT 7PM

Grammy-nominated vocalist Tierney Sutton and virtuosic pianist Tamir Hendelman lend new warmth to songs by George Gershwin, Antônio Carlos Jobim, Johnny Mercer, Peggy Lee, Paul Simon, and more.



JAZZ

Christmas Dreaming with Stella Cole

WED/THU, DEC 9-10, 2026 AT 7PM

Stella Cole brings her signature jazz-infused vocals to beloved holiday favorites in this festive evening of song that includes the Carpenters' classic “Merry Christmas, Darling” and selections from Cole's album *Snow!*



HOLIDAY

Bria Skonberg Quintet

WED/THU, MAR 10-11, 2027 AT 7PM

Acclaimed for her vibrant take on jazz traditions, Bria Skonberg blends fiery trumpet, smoky vocals, and imaginative storytelling rooted in classic swing and New Orleans influences.



JAZZ

Ann Hampton Callaway and Niki Haris

WED/THU, MAY 5-6, 2027 AT 7PM

Tony-nominated singer/songwriter Ann Hampton Callaway joins forces with Niki Haris—famed singer, dancer, actress—for the premiere of “Broad Appeal!” Blending pop, jazz, Broadway, blues, and gospel, the pair share the music, stories, and heart behind their extraordinary lives.



BROADWAY

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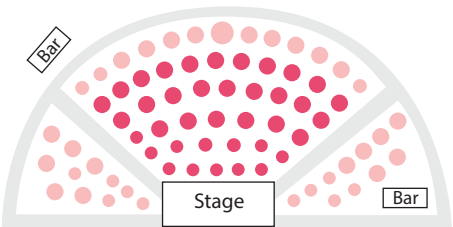
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	Wit & Wisdom Series Elizabeth Gilbert 09/19/26 Adam Kinzinger 01/30/27 Jen Hatmaker 03/27/27	SEE ALL THREE \$171
	Dance Series Sa Dance Company 10/24/26 Les Ballets Trockadero 02/06/27 Flamenco Vivo 03/20/27	SEE ALL THREE \$123
	WOW! Series Forever Tango 12/06/26 Wizard of Oz on Ice 03/14/27 MOMIX: Botanica 05/02/27	SEE ALL THREE \$117
	Sunday Afternoon Concert Series Live from Laurel Canyon: CSNY 09/27/26 The Doo Wop Project 10/04/26 Splintered Sunlight 01/24/27 Live and Let Die 03/21/27	SEE ALL FOUR \$156

Cabaret Series

CABARET SEATING CHART

- Section A
- Section B



Cabaret Series PERFORMANCE ONLY

	WED	THU
Tierney Sutton & Tamir Hendelman	09/30/26	10/01/26
Stella Cole	12/09/26	12/10/26
Bria Skonberg	03/10/27	03/11/27
Ann Hampton Callaway & Niki Haris	05/05/27	05/06/27

Sec A \$220
Sec B \$180

NOTE: Seating is limited and subject to availability

Cabaret Series ADD DINNER

Sec A \$176
Sec B \$176

To add dinner to a cabaret subscription, please add \$176 per subscription. Dinner cost includes one meal for each of the four 2026-2027 Cabaret shows.

Dinner/Beverage Service 6-6:45pm (Performance 7pm)

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Dance: Trocks - Jim Coleman, Flamenco - Sari Makki

Arts for Life: Pacifico - McCallum

Cabaret: Sutton - Ian Patrick, Cole and Skonberg - Shervyn Lainez

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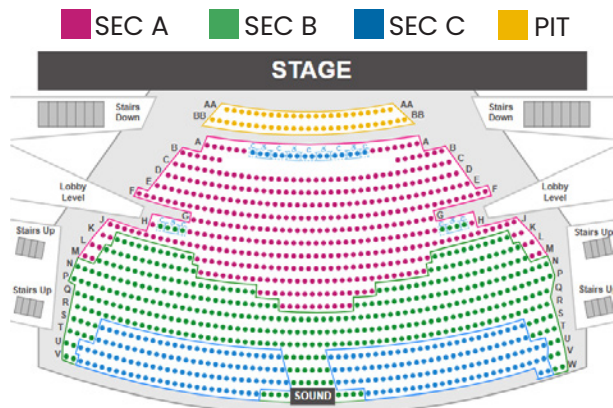
Main Stage Auditorium				
Event	Date	Sec A	Sec B	Sec C
Elizabeth Gilbert	SAT, SEP 19	\$79	\$69	\$59
Bilal	THU, SEP 24	\$65	\$55	\$45
Laurel Canyon CSNY	SUN, SEP 27	\$55		
The Doo Wop Project	SUN, OCT 4	\$55		
Samantha Bee	TBA	\$79	\$69	\$59
Sa Dance Company	SAT, OCT 24	\$65	\$55	\$45
Forever Tango	SUN, DEC 6	\$55	\$45	\$35
David Benoit	SAT, DEC 12	\$65	\$55	\$45
Splintered Sunlight	SUN, JAN 24	\$55		
Adam Kinzinger	SAT, JAN 30	\$65	\$55	\$45
World on a String	SUN, JAN 31	\$65	\$55	\$45
Les Ballets Trockadero	SAT, FEB 6	\$65	\$55	\$45
Wizard of Oz on Ice	SUN, MAR 14	\$55	\$45	\$35
Patti LuPone VIP Tickets: \$179* Pit Seating: \$99	THU, MAR 18	\$89	\$79	\$69
Flamenco Vivo	SAT, MAR 20	\$65	\$55	\$45
Live and Let Die	SUN, MAR 21	\$55		
Jen Hatmaker	SAT, MAR 27	\$69	\$59	\$49
MOMIX: Botanica	SUN, MAY 2	\$65	\$55	\$45

Cabaret Stage†	Date	Date	Sec A	Sec B
Tierney Sutton	WED, SEP 30	THU, OCT 1	\$69	\$59
Gretchen Parlato‡	FRI, OCT 2		\$49	\$49
Stella Cole	WED, DEC 9	THU, DEC 10	\$69	\$59
Nella‡	FRI, DEC 11		\$49	\$49
Bria Skonberg	WED, MAR 10	THU, MAR 11	\$69	\$59
Callaway & Haris	WED, MAY 5	THU, MAY 6	\$69	\$59

*Subscriber discounts and Build Your Own Series discounts not available for Patti LuPone VIP seating.

† Cabaret ticket prices are for performance only. To add dinner to a Cabaret series show, please add \$44 to the above ticket price or contact the Ticket Office.

‡ Gretchen and Nella performances will not have dinner service.



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