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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Don McLean to Perform at Whitaker Center this Holiday Season**

*American singer-songwriter of "American Pie" and countless other classic hits stop by The Burg*

Harrisburg, PA- On Saturday, December 8 Whitaker Center presents Don McLean in Sunoco Performance Theater at 7:30pm. This show is supported by the Lois Lehrman Grass Foundation. All Whitaker Center Presents shows are sponsored by Capital BlueCross.

Don McLean is one of America's most enduring singer-songwriters and is forever associated with his classic hits "American Pie" and "Vincent (Starry Starry Night)". Since first hitting the charts in 1971, Don has amassed over 40 gold and platinum records world-wide and, in 2004, was inducted into the Songwriters' Hall of Fame. His songs have been recorded by artists from every musical genre, most notably Madonna's No. 1 recording of "American Pie" in 2000 and George Michael's version of "The Grave" in 2003, sung in protest at the Iraq War.

In 2007, Don McLean shared his life story in Alan Howard's biography, *The Don McLean Story: Killing Us Softly With His Songs*. In 2009 his latest studio album, "Addicted to Black", was released and in 2010 he returned to Europe for a seven nation tour, including the Royal Albert Hall, London on May 7th. 2011 saw another tour of UK and Ireland, including a sensational appearance at Europe's largest music festival, Glastonbury and in 2012 Don completed his longest European Tour in 20 years. In 2012 Don was also awarded the BBC Folk Music Lifetime Achievement Award and saw the release of "American Troubadour" on CD and DVD and the worldwide broadcast of the documentary of this name, charting Don's life and career.

Tickets go on sale Friday, February 16 at 10:00am at [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) and at the Whitaker Center Box Office. Tickets range from \$39 - \$57. For tickets and more information, please visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) or call the Whitaker Center Box Office at 717-214-ARTS.

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg's vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four story premium large format theater with a recently upgraded 4K digital projection system. Visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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