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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Joe Jackson Confirms 2018 North American Tour Including Harrisburg Show Date**

*Acclaimed songwriter and musician brings his Fast Forward tour to Central PA*

Harrisburg, PA- On Wednesday, July 17 Whitaker Center presents Joe Jackson in Sunoco Performance Theater at 8:00pm. This show is an association with SLP Concerts. All Whitaker Center Presents shows are sponsored by Capital BlueCross.

Legendary songwriter Joe Jackson has confirmed a 2018 summer tour visiting cities across the U.S. and Canada, adding one more "encore" to his long-running Fast Forward Tour. These new dates follow four acclaimed tours over the last two years.

Supporting Jackson once again will be long-time collaborator Graham Maby on bass, along with guitarist Teddy Kumpel (Rickie Lee Jones, Feist) and drummer Doug Yowell (Suzanne Vega, Ari Hest).

The tour includes several cities where Jackson hasn't been in years and several he's never visited before. His set will once again feature songs from across Jackson's entire catalogue, including a mix of songs from his earliest albums as well as 2015's critically acclaimed *Fast Forward*. Jackson will also offer an unpredictable selection of covers and brand new, never before performed originals.

"Fast Forward combines the beauty and intelligence of his best earlier work with a new quality: warmth, generosity, possibly even contentment." – THE NEW YORKER

"...a set that perfectly balanced his masterful touch on a piano ballad with his ability to rock out." – PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

"Jackson's loose arrangements left room for occasional lilting improv, and highlighted that his voice remains a marvel: pristine and soulful, and edged with vibrato and falsetto." – CLEVELAND SCENE

Tickets go on sale Friday, March 16 at 10:00am at [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) and at the Whitaker Center Box Office. Tickets range from \$49.50 - \$79.50. 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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