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Acclaimed Singer-Songwriter Jon McLaughlin to Play Whitaker Center this spring
Pianist, lyricist and soulful singer adds Harrisburg to 2018 tour

Harrisburg, PA- On Friday, April 6 Whitaker Center presents Jon McLaughlin in Sunoco Performance Theater at 7:30pm. All Whitaker Center Presents shows are sponsored by Capital BlueCross.

Singer-songwriter and skilled pianist Jon McLaughlin is bringing his piano skills into soulful pop music to Harrisburg during a string of tour dates this spring.

After signing with Island Records and releasing his debut album INDIANA, the song “Beautiful Disaster” quickly climbed up the charts, with “Beating My Heart” following quickly after. Hollywood took notice of the young songwriter and in addition to using his music for films and commercials, Jon himself was offered a role in the hit film Enchanted, performing his song “So Close.” The song was later nominated for an Academy Award, and in 2008 he found himself onstage at the Oscars reprising the tune in front of 32 million US viewers. In between the hit songs and television appearances, true to his hardworking Midwestern roots, Jon spent his nights opening for the likes of Sara Bareilles and Kelly Clarkson, recording with Demi Lovato and writing for other artists.

Jon eventually parted ways with Island and has been forging his own independent path for the past few years with a new album on the slate for 2018. His 2017 holiday EP RED & GREEN featured a collaboration with Straight No Chaser on “Hallelujah This Christmas”.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, February 8 at 10:00am at whitakercenter.org and at the Whitaker Center Box Office. Tickets range from \$25 - \$35. For tickets and more information, please visit 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 for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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