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Presents

Vijay Iyer Trio and Miguel Zenón Quartet

on Friday, December 9 at 8pm
at Berklee Performance Center

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present the **Vijay Iyer Trio and the Miguel Zenón Quartet in a double bill** on Friday, December 9, 2011, at 8pm at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston.

Tickets for the Vijay Iyer Trio and Miguel Zenón Quartet's performance are \$50, \$44 and \$40 and are available online at www.celebrityseries.org, by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or at the Berklee Performance Center box office, 136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston.

This is a **Celebrity Series of Boston** debut for the Vijay Iyer Trio. Miguel Zenón made his Celebrity Series debut in 1998 with the Either/Orchestra as part of a What Makes It Great[®] program.

Grammy-nominated **composer-pianist, Vijay Iyer**, is an American-born son of Indian immigrants, who is a self-taught musician grounded in American Jazz and popular forms. He was voted the 2010 Musician of the Year by the Jazz Journalists Association and named one of the "50 Most Influential Global Indians" by GQ India. Iyer has released fifteen albums as a leader, most recently *Tirtha* (2011), *Solo* (2010), and the multiple-award-winning *Historicity* (2009), which features the Vijay Iyer Trio (Iyer, piano; Marcus Gilmore, drums; Stephan Crump, bass). *Historicity* was a 2010 Grammy Nominee for Best Instrumental Jazz Album, and was named #1 Jazz Album of the Year in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, the Detroit Metro Times, National Public Radio, PopMatters.com, the Village Voice Jazz Critics Poll, and the Downbeat International Critics Poll. The trio won the 2010 Echo Award for best international ensemble and the Downbeat Critics Poll for rising star small ensemble of the year. Iyer's additional awards include the Alpert Award in the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, and numerous composer commissions.

Iyer attended Yale University to study mathematics and physics and went to University of California at Berkeley for graduate school, earning a Masters in Physics and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Technology and the Arts. He is a faculty member at Manhattan School of Music, New York University and The New School, and has also given master classes and lectures in composition, improvisation,

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cognitive science, jazz studies and performance studies at California Institute of the Arts, Columbia University, Harvard University, Berklee School of Music, several University of California campuses and the School for Improvisational Music, among others.

Saxophonist Miguel Zenón was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There, he studied classical saxophone at the Escuela Libre de Musica. When he enrolled at the Berklee School of Music, his formal jazz training began. After graduating from Berklee, Zenón received a scholarship to attend Manhattan School of Music, and in 2001, he received a Masters in Saxophone Performance. In 2004, Zenón became one of the founding members of the octet, SF Jazz Collective. He also tours throughout the US, Europe and Latin America with his quartet, and in 2003, as part of the Kennedy Center's Jazz Ambassador's Program, Zenón's quartet was selected to teach and perform throughout West Africa. Zenón also serves as a private saxophone instructor at The New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music in New York.

In 2006, Zenón was voted Best New Artist of the Year by JazzTimes magazine, and most recently, he released *Awake*, his fourth recording as a leader (and third for Marsalis Music) in 2008. In April 2008, Zenón received a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation to work his project focusing on Plena Music from Puerto Rico. Later that year he was one of 25 individuals chosen to receive the MacArthur Grant, also known as the "Genius Grant."

Program will be announced from the stage.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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