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**PERFORMANCE-ONLY TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY 11/14 AT 9AM FOR
McCALLUM THEATRE 30TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING GALA ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

**CHRIS BOTTI AND THE TEN TENORS TO HEADLINE, WITH VERY SPECIAL
HONOREE HAROLD MATZNER**

Palm Desert CA – The McCallum Theatre announced that performance-only tickets are on sale on Tuesday, November 14th at 9:00am for its 30th Anniversary fundraising gala on Thursday, November 30th. The gala will be headlined by two of the McCallum Theatre's all-time favorite artists **Chris Botti** and **The TEN Tenors**. Performance-only tickets are \$125 for rear orchestra and \$100 for balcony seats and may be purchased online at www.mccallumtheatre.com, at the McCallum Theatre Box Office, 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert or by calling 760-340-2787.

Proceeds from the 30th Anniversary Gala fundraising event help fund McCallum Theatre operations as well as arts education programs that bring training in theatre, dance, music and visual arts to 40,000 schoolchildren and educators each year, in more than 300 classrooms. These funds also make it possible to continue to bring world-class performances to over 150,000 residents and visitors to the Coachella Valley annually.

The 30th Anniversary Gala will pay tribute to the extraordinary entrepreneur, humanitarian and philanthropist **Harold Matzner**, who has served as Chairman of the McCallum Theatre Board of Trustees for ten years. Under his leadership, the McCallum has enjoyed several consecutive years of remarkable record-breaking attendance and philanthropy. Matzner is owner of Palm Springs' popular Spencer's Restaurant and CEO of a New York/New Jersey-based branding, advertising and marketing company. He is credited with revitalizing the Palm Springs International Film Festival and was one of eleven distinguished Americans selected nationally this year by the Horatio Alger Association as a new member. Mr. Matzner is one of the Coachella Valley's largest donors to philanthropy and has contributed more than \$70 million to area nonprofits since 1997.

Co-Chairs of The McCallum Theatre Annual Gala are **James R. Houston** and **R.D. Hubbard**.

From the release of his first solo album, **Chris Botti** has found a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre. Chris has thoroughly established himself as one of the important, innovative figures of the contemporary music world. Hitting the road for 250+ days per year, Chris and his band

have performed with the finest symphonies and at the world's most prestigious venues, including performances at the World Series, the White House, and the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony. His recordings and his association with PBS have led to multiple #1 jazz albums, Gold and Platinum albums, and Grammy Awards.

The TEN Tenors are undoubtedly one of Australia's most successful touring entertainment groups of all time, with more than 2,500 live shows to their credit and more than 90 million people worldwide witnessing their unmistakable charm, camaraderie and vocal power. Celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2017, the TEN Tenors have cemented their place as one of the world's most beloved classically-based contemporary music groups of all time.

Amidst their own explosive live concert experiences and remarkable achievements, including six Platinum and Gold records and over 3.5 million concert tickets sold, the TEN have also performed alongside countless music legends including Andrea Bocelli, André Rieu, John Travolta, Nicole Kidman, Geoffrey Rush, Keith Urban, Rod Stewart, Alanis Morissette, Sarah Brightman, Willie Nelson, Katherine Jenkins and Christina Aguilera.

The McCallum Theatre presents its 30th Anniversary fundraising gala starring **Chris Botti** and **The TEN Tenors** on **Thursday, November 30th, at 8:00pm**. Tickets are priced at \$125 and \$100 and will be available beginning Tuesday, November 14th at 9am online at the McCallum Theatre website, www.mccallumtheatre.com, or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

*The McCallum Theatre Box Office, its phone center and website, are the **only** authorized outlets for tickets to performances presented at the Theatre. Tickets purchased from any other sources, such as brokers or secondary market websites, are purchased at consumer's own risk and cannot be guaranteed as valid.*

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