Princeton, NJ: On Saturday, February 3, enter the freewheeling musical world of Grammy® winner Dan Zanes, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Claudia Eliaza, and special guests for an interactive folk "opera" that takes audiences on a far-out ride to the galaxies and back. During a joyous dusk-to-dawn trip through the stars, passengers on Night Train 57 will discover the power of friendship and community with the sounds of 21st-century handmade sing-along music.

Night Train 57 comes to McCarter direct from its critically acclaimed 2017 Kennedy Center world premiere. This adventure welcomes travelers of all ages and sensory levels. Festive original folk songs played on guitar, trombone, mandolin, flute, harmonica, ukulele, percussion—and, of course, voices!—power the train, as homespun sets and video projection create an unforgettable intergalactic atmosphere. Celebrate communal music-making while singing, laughing, and dancing towards a deeper sense of life’s best possibilities.
**Information regarding sensory friendly performances**

In addition to the sensory friendly nature of the performance, professional staff will be on hand to assist parents and caregivers, a family restroom will be available, and there will be designated activity and relaxation areas in the lobby.

Relaxed performances provide a welcoming and judgement-free environment for individuals with autism, learning differences, or other sensory and communication needs so that they and their families may enjoy live performance together.

Relaxed performances provide a conducive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum, with cognitive or developmental differences, or other sensory and communication needs. The objective is to allow these individuals and their families to enjoy live theatre together. McCarter has presented five relaxed performances in the past, including productions of *Into the Woods*, *White Snake*, Ken Ludwig’s *Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery*, the *Muppet Sing-A-Long Movie*, and last season’s appearance by Laurie Berkner.

McCarter Theatre Center would like to thank its partner organizations for this endeavor. Jazams, a local toy store, will be providing our ushers with a variety of ‘fidgets’ for patrons who would benefit from them during the performance. McCarter is grateful for the support of local businesses and other community partners, to enhance our work, both on and off our stages.

McCarter Theatre Center is a participant in the Audience (R)Evolution Cohort Grants program, funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and administered by Theatre Communications Group, the national organization for the professional not-for-profit American theatre.

This special relaxed performance is sponsored by the **Karma Foundation**.

**Ticket information**

**Dan Zanes** will perform *Night Train 57* on Saturday, February 3 at 3 p.m. in McCarter’s Matthews Theatre. Single tickets range from $25 - $40 and can be purchased online at mccarter.org, by phone at (609) 258-2787, or in person at the McCarter Ticket Office at 91 University Place in Princeton.

**ABOUT McCARTER THEATRE CENTER**

Thanks to the efforts of Special Programming Director William W. Lockwood, McCarter Theatre Center is a premier presenter of artists renowned around the world and across genres as varied as dance, classical, pop, jazz, performance art, comedy, magic, children’s theatre, and more.

McCarter is supported by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Princeton University, and over 2,000 individuals, corporations, community leaders, and foundations.

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