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McCarter Theatre Center hosts Annual Gala Benefit Concert Six-time Tony Award® winner Audra McDonald to Headline

Princeton, NJ: On Saturday, April 28th, McCarter Theatre Center will host its Annual Gala Benefit, which supports McCarter's many ongoing artistic and educational missions here in Princeton and around the region.

The highlight of the Gala is a feature performance by Broadway legend **Audra McDonald**, a multi-talented star of Broadway, TV, movies, opera, and the concert stage. Winning a record-breaking sixth Tony Award® in 2015 for portraying Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*, McDonald's luminous soprano voice and an incomparable gift for dramatic truth telling has set a new standard in every genre she touches.

McCarter's Gala will be co-chaired by Courtney Lederer and Mark Thierfelder of Princeton, NJ; Liza and Sky Morehouse of Hopewell, NJ; and Sonia and Bill Sappington of Skillman, NJ.

McCarter's Gala Benefit is one of the most celebrated events of the season and is the largest fundraising event for the theatre. The evening begins with an elegant cocktail reception followed directly by the performance by Audra McDonald in McCarter's Matthews Theatre. After the concert, guests will return to the tent for dinner and live auction, followed by a spectacular after-party with live entertainment, and dancing. Great seats are still available for the concert-only portion of the evening, ranging from \$81.50 - \$106.50.

Under Emily Mann's artistic direction and Bill Lockwood's flair for booking established and emerging talent, McCarter has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to engaging, entertaining, and educating its audiences. In addition to the outstanding work appearing on its two stages each season, the McCarter Theatre Center also offers numerous innovative educational outreach programs that serve thousands of students per year—many that may not otherwise have access to the arts.

[Visit McCarter Theatre Center's Gala Benefit website for more information about this year's event, ticketing, corporate and individual sponsors, and more.](#)

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