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Presents

Body Music

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 8pm — Sanders Theatre Body Music high-res photo | Body Music high-res video preview Celebrity Series Press Room

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present <u>Body Music</u> on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 8pm at Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge.

Tickets start at \$40, and are available online at <u>www.celebrityseries.org</u>, by calling (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., or at the Sanders Theatre box office, Holyoke Center, 1350 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

This performance marks the Celebrity Series debut for Body Music.

Body Music is a dynamic and deeply visceral cross-cultural conversation using only the instrument we all share. Sand dance, hand dance, foot percussion, lyrical harmony singing, visual rhythm in architecture and design, virtuosic solos, dynamic ensemble works – Body Music is a collaborative evening that showcases the artists' virtuosity and cultural vibrancy with themes that emanate from using only the human instrument to create complex, evocative music and dance.

From tundra to tropics, people snap, clap, step and sing artful music. Body Music, also known as Body Percussion and Body Drumming, is the oldest music on the planet. Before people were hollowing logs and slapping rocks, they were using their bodies to stomp, clap, sing, snap and grunt their musical ideas. Body Music ignites audiences with music you can SEE, dance you can HEAR — it's the oldest music on the planet, and it's brand new.

Body Music is a journey, from pinpoints of light, through large and small cycles of time, to community, passing on traditions, humor, celebration, loneliness; and the place of the human body in the cosmos, including our eternal quest to understand this relationship. Contrasting the intimate sonic capacity of the human body with adventurous technology in light and sound, Body Music reveals our shared humanity in a unique theatrical experience.

The artists of Body Music also provide a strong Educational Outreach program in conjunction with performances, understanding that using Body Music to access rhythm, time and timing, ensemble awareness, and intercultural communication is not only extremely effective, but available to all people, providing useful - and fun - skills.

About Celebrity Series of Boston

Celebrity Series of Boston was founded in 1938 by pianist and impresario Aaron Richmond. From orchestras and chamber ensembles, vocal and piano music, to dance companies, jazz, spoken word, and more, Celebrity Series has been bringing great artists to Boston's major concert halls for nearly eight decades. The Celebrity Series of Boston believes in the power of excellence and innovation in the performing arts to enrich life experiences, transform lives and build better communities. Through its *Arts for All!* community programs, the Celebrity Series seeks to build a community of Greater Boston where the performing arts are a valued, lifelong, shared experience–on stages, in schools, at home– everywhere.

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