Special 60th Anniversary Kick-Off Event
The Midtown Men - 4 Stars from the Original Cast of Jersey Boys

Date
Thurs, Sept 17, 7:30 pm

Place
Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts
2132 Hillside Road
UConn campus, Storrs, CT

Tickets
$60

Box Office
860.486.4226
Mon–Fri, 10 am–5 pm

The Box Office window is also open for walk-up ticket sales 90 minutes before showtime.

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JORGENSEN KICKS OFF 60TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON WITH THE MIDTOWN MEN - 4 STARS FROM THE ORIGINAL CAST OF JERSEY BOYS

Thurs, Sept 17, at 7:30 pm / Doors open at 6:30 pm

UConn’s Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts will kick off its 60th anniversary season on Thursday, September 17th with the electrifying harmonies and high-energy choreography of The Midtown Men - 4 Stars from the Original Broadway Cast of Jersey Boys in a one-of-a-kind concert experience celebrating the music that defined the ’60s. The high-octane performance, featuring chart-topping hits by such ’60s super groups as The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Four Seasons, The Mamas & the Papas, The Turtles, The Rascals, and a variety of Motown artists, gets underway at 7:30 pm in Jorgensen's trendy cabaret setting, where candlelit tables surround an open dance floor. Cabaret fare, dessert, alcohol, and other beverages will be available from a cash bar when doors open at 6:30 pm.

Tony Award winner Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard, and Tony Award nominee J. Robert Spencer formed The Midtown Men after taking Broadway by storm as four stars from the original cast of the Broadway musical, Jersey Boys.

“Our story began with the original Broadway production of Jersey Boys, the story of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons,” says Reichard, who portrayed chief songwriter and original Four Seasons member, Bob Gaudio, in the musical. “The show opened and it became a phenomenon; the hottest ticket. We won the Tony Award, performed on David Letterman, the Today Show; we were everywhere.”

During their historic three-season run on Broadway making waves with their talents and onstage chemistry, the four stars discovered they shared a real passion for singing the music of the ’60s.

“We wanted to take what we did on Broadway with the ’60s music all across the country,” says Hoff, who earned a Tony Award for his Jersey Boys’ performance as Tommy DeVito, Four Seasons founder and lead guitarist.

After sharing the Jersey Boys’ stage for over a thousand performances, the four performers decided to take their signature sound and chemistry to audiences everywhere, bringing to life their favorite 1960s hits. Backed by a powerhouse 7-piece band, they started touring together as The Midtown Men in 2010.

Now on their fifth North American tour, The Midtown Men continue to sell out performing arts centers and symphony halls from coast to coast. Not only have they continued to win over audiences of all ages in nearly 2,000 live shows, their self-titled debut album, THE MIDTOWN MEN: Sixties Hits was met with critical acclaim and garnered 5-star album reviews across iTunes. The album was recorded in New York City and features the group performing such
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iconic ‘60s hits as, “Can’t Buy Me Love”, “Up On The Roof”, “Time Of The Season”, “Candy Girl”, and more. Now the men have raised the bar once again with their explosive new live record, THE MIDTOWN MEN: Live In Concert and companion DVD/Blu-ray.

For more information about The Midtown Men please visit www.themidtownmen.com.

This year the University of Connecticut’s Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts proudly celebrates its 60th anniversary. “Sixty years ago, to celebrate Jorgensen’s gala opening night, the Boston Symphony Orchestra helped us to set our standards with a magical first performance,” says Rod Rock, Jorgensen’s director since 1996. “From that point on we have made it our mission to continue to bring the world’s premier artists and ensembles to our stage. It’s only fitting that now, six decades later, we continue this tradition of great performances at Jorgensen by presenting The Midtown Men to help kick off Jorgensen’s 60th anniversary year.”

Other performances scheduled for Jorgensen’s 60th anniversary season include comedians Kathy Griffith and Jim Gaffigan, jazz vocalist Cecile McLorin Salvant, actress/singer Audra McDonald, Jack Hanna, The National Acrobats of China, Celtic fiddlers Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy, The King’s Singers, The Piano Guys, Chris Thile, Mummenschanz, God Save the Queen tribute rock show, Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood Live children’s show, 2CELLOS, The Maria Schneider Orchestra, the annual Boston Pops Holiday Concert, plus much more.

Established in December of 1955, Jorgensen has grown to become the largest college-based presenting program in New England. Each season Jorgensen enriches the lives of students, faculty, staff, and area residents with 30 to 35 diverse performances from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming, and contemporary entertainment. Dedicated to University of Connecticut president Albert N. Jorgensen, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts continues to follow his vision of the University as the state’s educational and cultural leader.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. Tickets are $60 and available now online.

For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 860.486.4226, Monday through Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and 90 minutes prior to events, or order online at jorgensen.uconn.edu. Convenient $5 event parking is available in the North Garage. Free parking is available in Lots 9, F, and L. For a detailed parking map, go to park.uconn.edu.

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