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CABARET AT THE COMMONS

TONY AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS LEA SALONGA TO GRACE CABARET STAGE

March 25, 2019 (Columbus, Ind.) – Known across the world for her powerful voice and perfect pitch, Tony Award-winning actress Lea Salonga will delight audiences as a part of the Spring 2019 *Cabaret at The Commons* series on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. The concert, which is sponsored by Joe and Sher Cunningham, is almost sold out with fewer than 50 tickets remaining.

Recognized by fans of all ages as the singing voice of Princess Jasmine in Disney's *Aladdin* and as Fa Mulan in *Mulan* and *Mulan II*, Salonga is an accomplished actress and singer.

She began her career as a child star in the Philippines, making her professional debut in 1978 at the age of seven in the musical *The King and I*. At the age of ten, she released her first album, "Small Voice," and she hosted her own musical television show, "Love, Lea."

Salonga's big break came when she was selected to play Kim in the musical *Miss Saigon* on the West End. In 1991, she joined the Broadway production of *Miss Saigon*, winning a Tony Award, Drama Desk Award, and Theatre World Award for the role.

Salonga was also the first Asian to play Eponine in the musical *Les Misérables* and reprised the role for the 10th anniversary concert. She later returned to the show as Fantine for the 25th anniversary.

Most recently, Salonga starred in the 2018 Broadway revival of *Once on This Island* as the Goddess of Love, Erzulie. The show's return to the Broadway stage earned a Tony Award for "Best Revival of a Musical" and also garnered Salonga and the cast a Grammy nomination for "Best Musical Theater Album."

In her 37-year career, Lea has performed for six Philippine presidents, three American Presidents, and for Diana, Princess of Wales, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Who: Lea Salonga

What: Cabaret at The Commons

Where: The Commons
300 Washington St
Columbus, IN 47201

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Show starts at 7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Philharmonic Music Director, David Bowden, shares why he chose Salonga for this Cabaret series, "I have been following Lea's career since she first took the musical theater world by storm as a teenager in Miss Saigon. She is an exceptionally gifted actor and musician who possesses an astonishing vocal instrument and who instinctively develops a deep relationship with her audience. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our community to experience a world-class artist right here in Columbus!"

Salonga made her debut in the world of Cabaret in 2010, performing a sold out, three week engagement at the Café Carlyle in New York City. While she has excelled in film and television, Salonga still adores a live performance.

"I love the immediate reaction of the crowd in the same room as you," Salonga told [Parade](#). "With TV, film or a recording, you have to wait before finding out if the audience liked it or not. With live theater or concerts, you find out right away."

Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2019, for *Cabaret at The Commons* with Lea Salonga. Cabaret-goers are encouraged to arrive early to socialize with friends and enjoy cocktails at the full cash bar.

ABOUT CABARET AT THE COMMONS

Cabaret at The Commons is Columbus' premier nightlife destination, featuring a dynamic range of captivating artists in an up close and personal musical experience.

This Cabaret is sponsored by Joe & Sher Cunningham. Lohmeyer Plumbing Co. Inc. and Horizon Bank are co-sponsors. The 2018-19 Series is sponsored by Elwood Staffing with additional support from our Series Media Sponsor The Republic, and our Talent Partner The Cabaret in Indianapolis.

TICKET PURCHASING INFORMATION

Single tickets are available online at www.thecip.org, or they may be purchased by phone at 812-376-2638, x1 or in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus. A limited number of single tickets are available for \$55/Gold Ticket. Silver and Platinum tickets have sold out.

ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Founded in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and David Bowden have received local, state, national and international recognition, winning five ASCAP awards for Creative Programming and consistently receiving rave reviews for their performances. With a full complement of concerts and music education programs, the Philharmonic is proud to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and South-Central Indiana.

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