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The Mann Center Presents
Herbie Hancock & “The Imagine Project”

***Celebrating 75 Years of Live Music in the Park:
August 13 Features the Jazz Legend’s Return to The Mann’s Stage***

PHILADELPHIA – August 4, 2010 – The Mann Center for the Performing Arts proudly welcomes Herbie Hancock’s “The Imagine Project” to the stage on August 13th. Led by the world-renowned pianist himself, the dynamic ensemble brings a rich tradition of jazz, performing classics and selections from his new release, “The Imagine Project.”

Herbie Hancock

Herbie Hancock is a true icon of modern music. Throughout his explorations, he has transcended limitations and genres while maintaining his unmistakable voice. With an illustrious career spanning five decades and 12 Grammy® Awards including the 2007 Album Of The Year for “River: The Joni Letters,” he continues to amaze audiences.

There are few artists in the music industry who have had more influence on acoustic and electronic jazz and R&B than Herbie Hancock. As the immortal Miles Davis said in his autobiography, "Herbie was the step after Bud Powell and Thelonious Monk, and I haven't heard anybody yet who has come after him."

Career highlights include being a member of the Miles Davis Quintet and his 1973 “Head Hunters” becoming the first jazz album to go platinum with the instantly recognizable cross-over hit “Chameleon.”

Herbie Hancock also maintains a thriving career outside the performing stage and recording studio. He is the Creative Chair for Jazz for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association and serves as Institute Chairman of the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz, the foremost international organization devoted to the development of jazz performance

and education worldwide. He is also a founder of The International Committee of Artists for Peace (ICAP).

Herbie Hancock's newest release, "The Imagine Project" is an unprecedented international recording and film project featuring collaborations between music legend Hancock and a dozen superstars from every region of the planet. It utilizes the universal language of music to express its central themes of peace and global responsibility. "The Imagine Project" embodies an extraordinary lineup of international superstars, including Dave Matthews, Anoushka Shankar, Jeff Beck, The Chieftains, John Legend, India Arie, Seal, Pink, Juanes, Derek Trucks, Susan Tedeschi, Chaka Khan, K'Naan, Wayne Shorter, James Morrison, and Lisa Hannigan. The album and film stands, on one level, as powerful testaments for the goals of world peace, humanity and tolerance, and respect for our planet, but The Imagine Project shall remain at its core, entertainment content that is creatively and emotionally deeply fulfilling.

Now in the fifth decade of his professional life, Herbie Hancock remains where he has always been: in the forefront of world culture, technology, business and music. Though one can't track exactly where he will go next, he is sure to leave his inimitable imprint wherever he lands.

Tickets for this event are \$40 or Lawn \$20.

This performance begins at 8:00 PM.

For detailed ticket information, call 215.893.1999, visit the Mann Center box office at 52nd and Parkside Avenue in Fairmount Park, or buy online: www.manncenter.org, www.ticketphiladelphia.org or www.ticketmaster.com. For ticket package information, call 215.893.1955 or visit www.manncenter.org.

Editor's Note: Photos of artists can be found at <http://www.manncenter.org/news/pressroom> and are available upon request.

ABOUT THE MANN CENTER

Accessible, attractive, festive and fun, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts presents diverse, world class entertainment in a casually elegant and relaxing setting at affordable prices. The venue underwent extensive renovations in 2007, enhancing the uniquely wonderful Mann Center experience for its 173,000 visitors annually.

The summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra since the 1930's, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts, located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park, continues its rich tradition as Delaware Valley's premiere outdoor cultural arts center. Concerts and programs encompass all musical genres from pop, jazz, r & b, rock and contemporary, to dance theater, opera and classical. Dine under the stars at Stephen Starr's Crescendo, our tented restaurant overlooking the spectacular Philadelphia skyline, or spread out a picnic blanket on the lush lawn of The Mann. There are several bars and concession stands for food and beverages as well as an Encore booth for concert keepsakes.

To make reservations at Crescendo, please call 267.886.1475.

2010 Summer Season at The Mann

8/04 Rufus Wainwright with special guest Martha Wainwright
8/07 Keane with Ingrid Michaelson & Fran Healy from Travis
8/11 Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma
8/13 Herbie Hancock's The Imagine Project
8/15 MGMT with Violens
8/28 Tony Bennett
8/29 YO GABBA GABBA! LIVE!
9/15 CAKE
9/17 Pavement
9/22 The New York Pops with Mark Nadler – Fireworks
9/25 The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia with Fireworks

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