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**The Mann Center and AEG Live Present MGMT**

***Celebrating 75 Years of Live Music in the Park:***

***August 15 features the Unsubtle Sonic Sounds of Indie Pop/Rockers  
MGMT + special guest Violens***

PHILADELPHIA PA – August 4, 2010 – Progressive pop-synth outfit MGMT bring their psychedelic beats and unparalleled stage presence to the Mann Center for the Performing Arts August 15. MGMT tours in support of their latest release, *Congratulations*.

**MGMT**

MGMT has undoubtedly established themselves as one of the premier pop/rock bands of today, drawing on influences across decades of danceable music and continuing to push their own boundaries. *Oracular Spectacular*, MGMT's 2008 debut album, established the group's reputation on both sides of the Atlantic. The *NME*'s year-end Best of 2008 poll named "Oracular Spectacular" the #1 Album of the Year with the album's singles holding down three of the year's Top 5 Singles spots with "Kids" as #1 Single of the Year, "Time To Pretend" at #4 and "Electric Feel" at #5. The *NME* went on to name "Time To Pretend" the #2 Single of the Decade.

With *Congratulations*, MGMT offer an invitation to join the group in a new musical odyssey mirroring the psyches of the band's core duo, Andrew VanWyngarden and Ben Goldwasser, inspired by their adventures on the frontiers of 21st century pop & roll consciousness.

Produced by MGMT and Sonic Boom, *Congratulations* collaborating with a few of their personal idols and influences including album co-producer Sonic Boom (Pete Kember)

and Royal Trux front-woman Jennifer Herrema, who contributed guest vocals. "These are all amazing musical minds," Andrew says, marveling at MGMT's good collaborative karma.

Tickets for this event are \$35.50 or \$29.50

This performance begins at 7:30 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](http://www.manncenter.org), [www.ticketphiladelphia.org](http://www.ticketphiladelphia.org) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Editor's Note: Photos of artists are available at <http://www.manncenter.org/news/pressroom> and 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! with special guest Biz Markie
9/15	CAKE
9/17	Pavement with special guest Kurt Vile
9/22	The New York Pops with Mark Nadler – Fireworks

9/25

The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia with Fireworks

\*\* For more shows and the most up to date listing of Mann events, visit

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About AEG Live

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