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Profile Theatre announces a

20th Anniversary Celebration

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PORTLAND, **Ore.**, **August 15**, **2017** – PROFILE THEATRE (Josh Hecht, Artistic Director) announces the **20th Anniversary Celebration**, a concert featuring music from Profile's 2017 featured playwright Quiara Alegría Hudes. A reception featuring presentations from current and past Profile artists will follow the concert on **September 18**, **2017** at 6:30pm on the Alder Stage at Artists Repertory Theatre. Tickets are currently on sale at <u>profiletheatre.org</u> or by calling 503.242.0080.

Concert

This one-night-only special event is an hour long concert of songs from the musicals of Quiara Alegría Hudes! Enjoy songs with live music from *In The Heights*, *Miss You Like Hell* and more. Music direction by Freddy Vilches and performances by Julana Torres, Feliciano Tencos and Alex Ramirez de Cruz. Be ready to dance in your seat as you experience another exciting side of Profile's 2017 featured playwright!

Celebration Reception

Immediately following the concert, join us in the lobby for a party. This part of the evening is a festive gathering of the Profile family from our founding years and beyond. We'll take a look back at favorite memories, toast our founder Jane Unger and enjoy catered eats by Pambiche with wine from Wildwood/Mahonia as we celebrate all that Profile is!

About Quiara Alegría Hudes

Quiara Alegría Hudes is a playwright, professor of writing and theater at Wesleyan University, and native of West Philly, U.S.A. Hailed for her work's exuberance, intellectual rigor, and rich imagination, her plays and musicals have been performed around the world. They are *Water By the Spoonful*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama; *In the Heights*, winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and Pulitzer finalist; *Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue*, another Pulitzer finalist; *Daphne's Dive*; *The Good Peaches*; *Miss You Like Hell*; and *The Happiest Song Plays Last*. Hudes is a playwright in residence at New York's Signature Theater and a proud alum of Philadelphia Young Playwrights.

About Profile Theatre

Profile's mission is to produce a season of plays devoted to a single playwright, engaging with our community to explore that writer's vision and influence on theatre and the world at large.

We do this through large-scale professional productions, In Dialogue Series readings and lectures, and our vibrant community programs.

Profile Theatre's 2017 Season Sponsor is Ronni LaCroute / Willakenzie Estate. Additional support by The Regional Arts and Culture Council including support from City of Portland, Multnomah County and the Arts & Education Access Fund; The Oregon Arts Commission; Kinsman Foundation; National Endowment for the Arts; James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation; Meyer Memorial Trust; The Collins Foundation; PGE Foundation; Age and Gender Equity in the Arts, PGE Foundation, Oregon Cultural Trust, Shubert Foundation and the Oregon Community Foundation.

Tickets

Tickets to the concert only are \$30. Tickets for both the concert and Reception are \$65. Tickets can be purchased at <u>profiletheatre.org</u> by calling box office at 503.242.0080 Tuesday through Friday noon – 4pm.

Location

The 20th Anniversary Celebration Concert will be performed on the Alder Stage at Artists Repertory Theatre, located at 1516 SW Alder Street in Portland. For directions and parking information, visit Profiletheatre.org/plan-your-visit/.

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