



PRESS RELEASE

This Christmas, Michael McDonald brings hits, holiday tunes, and more to Stambaugh Auditorium

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For Immediate Release:

Legendary five-time Grammy award winner Michael McDonald will take the concert hall stage on Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 PM, presented by Stambaugh Auditorium. *Michael McDonald, Season of Peace, Holiday & Hits* will incorporate some of his signature hits into a holiday set that features Christmas favorites such as “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and “White Christmas”. There are few voices that are quite as recognizable as that of the distinctive and soulful Michael McDonald. From the ‘70s-era Doobie Brothers, through two highly-acclaimed Motown albums, and cross-genre collaborations, McDonald is both timeless and ever-evolving. Reserved seats range in ticket price from \$25-\$75 (plus applicable fees) and go on sale this Friday, July 13 at 10:00 AM. VIP meet & greet packages will be available.

McDonald joined The Doobie Brothers in the mid-‘70s, helping the band redefine their funky R&B sound as a singer, keyboardist, and songwriter on such Top 40 singles as “Takin’ It To The Streets,” “It Keeps You Runnin’,” “Minute By Minute” and “What A Fool Believes.” Beyond his hits with The Doobie Brothers, McDonald has lent his voice to records by artists, including Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Elton John, and Joni Mitchell. During the ‘80s and ‘90s, his successful solo career brought hits like “Sweet Freedom,” “On My Own” (a duet with Patti LaBelle) and the Grammy-winning duet with James Ingram “Yah Mo B There.”

Although not generally associated with Christmas music, McDonald delivers a powerful message, that at the heart of Christmas music is the soul. And so his Holiday music seems to fit tightly with his already vast musical repertoire. His three Christmas albums include, *In The Spirit: A Christmas Album*, *This Christmas*, and *Through the Many Winters*. McDonald cheerfully brings new life into classic favorites, retaining their holiday essence, but providing a lively interpretation that makes his shows an evening to share with family and friends.

Tickets will be sold through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium. Purchase by phone at 330-259-0555, online at stambaughauditorium.com, or in person at the Florence and Ward Beecher Box office at Stambaugh Auditorium. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium, which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall, which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (Anne K. Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional events many of which use the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office to sell and distribute tickets. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.