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**THE MUSIC OF SAM COOKE COMES TO FORT WORTH'S
BASS PERFORMANCE HALL FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY JANUARY 20**
DIGITAL LOTTERY TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR \$20

FORT WORTH, Texas (January 17, 2025) – Performing Arts Fort Worth, the non-profit owner and operator of Bass Performance Hall, is pleased to announce a digital lottery powered by Broadway Direct for **The Music of Sam Cooke**, a fantastic new show depicting the life and music of one of America's most iconic and talented performers, the Legendary Sam Cooke. Fans will have the chance to purchase a limited number of \$20 tickets for the one night only performance. A rip-roaring soulful performance starring Bradd Marquis alongside a live big band, this tribute comes to Fort Worth's Bass Performance Hall on Monday, January 20, as part of the **2024-2025 Irwin Steel Popular Entertainment Series** lineup.

The digital lottery will begin accepting entries from 9:00am on Saturday, January 18 to Sunday, January 19 at 3:00pm for the Monday evening performance, January 20. Fans who have been selected will be notified via email on Sunday at 3:00pm and can then purchase up to four (4) tickets at \$20 each. Tickets must be purchased online using the purchase link within 60 minutes from the time the winner is notified. Winners who do not purchase their tickets within their window by the claim time listed forfeit the opportunity to purchase and a standby drawing will be held. All entrants are encouraged to follow Bass Performance Hall on Facebook (@bassperformancehall), Instagram (@basshall) and Threads (@basshall) for additional lottery news and information.

Entrants must be 18 years or older. A valid, non-expired photo ID that matches the name used to enter is required for pickup at Will Call at the Bass Hall Box Office one hour prior to showtime. Seat locations awarded by the lottery are subject to availability. Additional lottery requirements can be found at www.basshall.com/lottery.

Sam Cooke became the most important Soul singer in history. He was also the inventor of soul music and the most popular and beloved performer of his time. Cooke bridged the gap between black and white audiences and crossed generations. He is commonly known as The King of Soul for his distinctive vocal abilities and influence on the modern world of music. Sam Cooke appealed to everyone. He pioneered soul by melding elements of R&B, Gospel and Pop into a sound that was new and still coalescing at the time. His pioneering contributions to soul music led to the rise of Aretha Franklin, Al Green, Curtis Mayfield, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, and popularized the likes of Otis Redding and James Brown.

This world premiere concert features the greatest hits from the Legend of Soul including “You Send Me”, “Only Sixteen”, “Cupid”, “Chain Gang”, “Twistin the Night Away”, “A Change is Gonna Come”, “Wonderful World” to name a few. Beginning with the gospel music that formed the foundation of Sam Cooke’s career, and spanning his success as a pop star, its pure magic from beginning to end. He is “Forever Mr. Soul”.

The Music of Sam Cooke comes to Bass Hall as part of the **2024-2025 Irwin Steel Popular Entertainment Series Lineup**. This year’s lineup also includes the return of three Fort Worth favorites: **Robert Earl Keen, Dixie’s Tupperware Party** and the **UNT One O’Clock Lab Band Spring Showcase**. Visit www.basshall.com/popularentertainment for more information.

About Performing Arts Fort Worth

For over 25 years, the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall has been a Fort Worth icon and nationally distinguished performing arts venue. Built entirely with private funds, the Hall’s mission is to serve as a permanent home to the major performing arts organizations of Fort Worth and as a premier venue for other attractions to enhance the range, quality and accessibility of cultural fare available to the public; to promulgate arts education; and to contribute to the cultural life of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and the region.

Bass Performance Hall is the permanent home to the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Texas Ballet Theater, Fort Worth Opera, the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and the Cliburn. Each resident company operates independently from Performing Arts Fort Worth and manages its own programming schedule at Bass Hall.

Performing Arts Fort Worth, the nonprofit organization that owns and operates Bass Hall, also presents national touring Broadway productions under the Broadway at the Bass Series presented by PNC Bank, as well as intimate concerts, holiday specials and family entertainment in the Irwin Steel Popular Entertainment Series.

The 2,042-seat multipurpose Hall is characteristic of the classic European opera house form. An 80-foot diameter Great Dome tops the Founders Concert Theater while two 48-foot-tall angels grace the Grand Facade. Since the Hall opened in May 1998, the angels have become preeminent cultural icons of the Dallas-Fort Worth community.

About Bradd Marquis

Meet **Bradd Marquis**, the soulful force behind the new **EP *I Choose You***, where urban adult contemporary meets the vibrant rhythms of Afrobeats, R&B, and funk. This music, crafted for lovers of classic soul, channels the essence of legends like Marvin Gaye, Luther Vandross, K.C. Hailey, and Mary J. Blige, resonating with both nostalgia and fresh innovation.

With 16 years in the game, Bradd has captivated audiences worldwide, paying tribute to Sam Cooke while evolving his sound. His latest work, *I Choose You*, showcases a unique blend of polyrhythmic Afrobeats and heartfelt Black American music. Produced alongside talents like Prosee and Jerry Compere, and featuring lyrical contributions from indie star DeBorah Bond, this six-song collection is a love letter to romance, vulnerability, and commitment.

From the emotional journey of “My Everything” to the dance floor celebration in “Dance Amongst the Stars,” each track invites listeners into Bradd’s world as a devoted husband and father, celebrating love in all its forms.

With a history of hit songs and unforgettable performances on platforms like Apollo Live and the Soul Summer Tour, Bradd Marquis is on a mission to redefine R&B. His podcast, *Iron Sharpens*, will further amplify his message of Black love and healthy manhood.

Discover the magic of Bradd Marquis and experience love through his music with *I Choose You*—a testament to the beauty of commitment and the artistry of a true SOULMAN.

For more information on Bradd and The Music of Sam Cooke, click here:
www.soulmanmediagroup.com/samcooke