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The Incomparable Diana Ross Comes to the Center

Sunday, December 7 in Segerstrom Hall

COSTA MESA, CA – The Orange County Performing Arts Center presents 13-time Grammy® Award nominee and Oscar®-nominated singer/actress/record producer Diana Ross for the first time on Sunday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in Segerstrom Hall. Ms Ross is one of the most iconic female singers of all time and one of the most prominent women in popular music history and pop culture of the late 20th century. In addition to her Academy Award nomination, Golden Globe Awards, Tony® Award and multiple Grammy Award nominations, Ms Ross' lustrous career in music, film, television and theatre, as well as her cultural influences, humanitarian work and contributions to American culture were acknowledged by the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors in December 2007.

Tickets for Ms Ross will go on sale Sunday, October 12 and will be \$56 – \$96. They will be available at the Center's Box Office at 600 Town Center Drive in Costa Mesa, by calling 714.556.2787 or online at OCPAC.org. For inquiries about group ticket discounts, call the Group Sales office at 714.755.0236. The TTY number is 714.556.2746.

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The entertainment industry saluted her portrayal of Billie Holliday in the film *Lady Sings the Blues* with top awards and nominations. The Motion Picture Academy of Arts & Sciences bestowed a Best Actress Oscar nomination for her extraordinary performance as Best Actress and The Golden Globe Awards gave her a trophy for that same role. Ms Ross went on to star in further films, *Mahogany* and *The Wiz*. Ms Ross won Broadway's top honor with a Tony Award for her one-woman show, *An Evening with Diana Ross*. The same show was later broadcast as a special on television.

Career milestones include induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, The Songwriters Hall of Fame, National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Hero Award, NAACP Entertainer Award, Billboard's Female Entertainer of the Century Award, The Soul Train Legend Award and International Lifetime Achievement at the World Music Awards. The iconic Ms Ross is forever cemented in history with two

stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. "Stop! In The Name of Love," "Where Did Our Love Go" and "You Keep Me Hangin' On" have all been inducted into the NARAS Hall of Fame. "Stop! In The Name of Love" and "You Can't Hurry Love" are among The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's Songs that Shaped Rock & Roll.

The Guinness Book of Records jointly awarded her with its Lifetime Achievement Award and the title of Most Successful Female Vocalist of All Time. She first reached the No.1 position on both the U.S. and UK charts with "Where Did Our Love Go." This was the first of a number of consecutive No.1 hits in the U.S.

Beginning in the '60s, as lead singer of the world renowned group, The Supremes, Ms Ross achieved the unprecedented feat of 12 No.1 singles in the U.S., becoming the most successful American group in history and rivaled only by The Beatles for the position of the biggest hit group of that generation. Ms Ross went on to achieve six No.1 single as a solo artist amassing a total of 18 No.1s. Her phenomenal music career is marked by chart and commercial successes. In the U.S. alone, to date, she has tallied 31 Top Ten singles and 14 Top Ten Albums selling over 100 million units around the globe. When "Endless Love" hit No.1 in 1981, Ms Ross became the first female artist in music history to place six singles at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 chart. "Endless Love" remains on of the most successful duets in pop history.

Ms Ross' musical repertoire encompasses R&B, soul, pop, disco and jazz, and the recently released *I Love You* CD, jumped onto the chart as Billboard Magazine's Hot Shot Debut title. As lead singer of The Supremes, in the '60s, Ms Ross helped shape the sound of popular music, changing the landscape and paving the way for contemporary music. Her love of life, never-ending wonder, the appreciation of goals and achievements and sheer human spirit define the artist that is Ms Ross and continue to make her one of the most identifiable, unique, beloved and influential singers of successive pop generations.

Orange County Performing Arts Center

The Orange County Performing Arts Center presents a wide variety of the most significant national and international productions of music, dance and theater to the people of Southern California. It is committed to supporting artistic excellence on all of its stages and engaging the entire community in new and exciting ways through an array of inspiring programs and an unsurpassed attendance experience.

It owns and operates the 3,000-seat Segerstrom Hall and intimate 250-seat Founders Hall, which opened in 1986, and the 2,000-seat Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, which opened in 2006 and also houses the 500-seat Samueli Theater and the Lawrence and Kristina Dodge Education Center. These state-of-the-art facilities are united by a community arts plaza and outdoor performance venue.

The Center's Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall and community plaza, along with facilities of the adjacent Tony® Award-winning South Coast Repertory and a site designated as the new home of the Orange County Museum of Art, are located at Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

The Orange County Performing Arts Center presents a broad range of programming each season for audiences of all ages, including international ballet and dance, national tours of top Broadway shows, intimate performances of jazz and cabaret, contemporary artists, up and coming indie bands, classical music performed by renowned chamber orchestras and ensembles, family-friendly programming, free performances open to the public from outdoor movie screenings to dancing on the plaza and many other special events.

It offers many education programs designed to inspire young people through the arts. These programs reach more than 500,000 students of all ages with vital arts-in-education programs, enhancing their studies and enriching their lives well into the future.

The Orange County Performing Arts Center is proud to serve as the artistic home to the region's major performing arts organizations: Pacific Symphony, the Philharmonic Society of Orange County, Opera Pacific and the Pacific Chorale.

For more information, visit OCPAC.org.



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