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'Jazz at the Pollock' Guest Artist Concert To Feature Guitarist Fareed Haque

PALM DESERT, CA—College of the Desert's first guest artist concert of the 2019-2020 "Jazz at the Pollock" season will feature modern guitar virtuoso, Fareed Haque.

Haque will be joined by Baba Elefante on bass and Steve Dixon on drums. The concert will be held in the Pollock Theatre at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 8. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$5 for students, \$10 for public.

Voted the "Best World Guitarist" in the 2009 Guitar Player Magazine Readers Poll, Haque is steeped in classical and jazz traditions, and his unique command of the guitar and different musical styles inspire his musical ventures with tradition and fearless innovation.

A graduate of Northwestern University, Haque came to the attention of multi-instrumentalist Howard Levy and joined his Latin-fusion group Chevere. Through Levy, Haque was introduced to Paquito D'Rivera and began a long and fruitful relationship with the Cuban NEA Jazz Master. Numerous world tours and recordings including *Manhattan Burn*, *Celebration*, *Havana Cafe*, *Tico Tico* and *Live at the MCG* followed. Especially notable is the classic and award-winning, *Reunion*, featuring Haque along with Arturo Sandoval, Danilo Perez, Giovanni Hidalgo, Mark Walker and David Fink.

Haque continues to tour and record extensively, having just come off of a tour with drumming legend, Billy Cobham. As an educator, he is documenting his unique and often unorthodox teaching methods in a series of interactive video courses through TrueFire.

This concert is made possible through the Carol G. Meier Visiting Artist Fund.

Each season, the "Jazz at the Pollock" series presents faculty, student and guest artist concerts that take advantage of the intimacy of the College's Pollock Theatre and showcase the Jazz Studies program at College of the Desert.

Mark your calendars now for future "Jazz at the Pollock" concerts including December 6, featuring a Jazz Student Combo directed by Dr. Anthony Fesmire.

About College of the Desert's Music Program:

The College of the Desert Music Department offers a comprehensive music major program leading to an AA-T degree with guaranteed transfer to the California State University system. Areas of concentration are offered in both traditional and jazz studies. Ensembles offered at College of the Desert include Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combos, Chamber Singers and Jazz Singers. In addition to the AA-T, the College offers certificates in Musical Theatre and Commercial Music.

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