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Visual Artist Barbara Chavous and Musician Foley to Be Inducted into the Lincoln Theatre Walk of Fame July 29

Visual artist Barbara Chavous and musician Foley will take their place on the Lincoln Theatre Walk of Fame in an induction ceremony on Saturday, July 29, at 7 pm. Through the generous support of **State Auto Insurance Companies**, the event is free and open to the public.

The Lincoln Theatre Walk of Fame, a monument which honors Columbus natives who have made outstanding contributions to society through their professional careers, will honor these two local trailblazers during a ceremony that will include a multi-genre tribute to the life and work of Barbara Chavous and a performance by Foley. The second half of the ceremony will then move outdoors to reveal the new stars on the Walk of Fame.

Barbara Chavous, visual artist

A graduate of Columbus East High School and Central State University, Chavous taught in the New York City Public School System for 10 years before returning home to Columbus. Upon her return, she became an integral part of the Ohio artistic community through mentoring and served as artist-in-residence in various colleges and universities. The perennial teacher, she combined her skills and talents to introduce K-12 students to artistic tradition and collaboration. Chavous is best known for her “totems”—tall, layered-wood pieces created from found objects and recycled materials. Sculptures, wall hangings, drawings, and other works by Chavous are included in the Columbus Museum of Art collection, and her commissioned sculpture, *The City*, stands in downtown’s Bicentennial Park. Her work can also be found at the Kwanzaa Playground, at Bryden Road and Linwood Avenue, in the Columbus Metropolitan Library’s main branch, and in a variety of public and private collections. Chavous passed away in 2008 at the age of 72.

Foley, musician

Columbus-born musician, composer, and photographer Foley is best known as the lead bassist for Miles Davis (1987-91). However, with his custom-made bass tuned almost an octave higher than a standard bass and processed through various effects, Foley created the illusion of a lead guitarist. While with Motown in 1993, he released *7 Years Ago... Directions in Smart Alec Music*, featuring the AIDS-related song “If It’s Positive” now widely regarded as the first in a long line of AIDS awareness songs published in the early 1990s. Foley later joined Arrested Development, touring with the group from 1993-94, and also played drums on tour with George Clinton. In 2008, he served as music arranger for performances with George Clinton and His Gangsters of Love on “The Tonight Show” and “The Late Show.”

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CALENDAR LISTING

The Lincoln Theatre Association presents the 2017 WALK OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

Saturday, July 29, 7 pm

Lincoln Theatre (769 E. Long St.)

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Support for the Lincoln Theatre's 2017-18 season is provided in part by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the City of Columbus, Franklin County, and the Ohio Arts Council to encourage economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

About the Lincoln Theatre

First opened in 1928, the Lincoln Theatre is a landmark in African-American and jazz history. After undergoing a \$13.5 million renovation funded by a partnership of public and private support, the Lincoln reopened in May 2009 as a multi-use, state-of-the-art performing arts and education center serving the diversity of the Columbus and central Ohio community. The Lincoln is a bustling hub of activity 365 days a year hosting performances, rehearsals, and classes in the performing arts, as well as a wide variety of community events such as film festivals, meetings, and receptions.

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