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B.Slade headlines Lincoln Theatre's annual North Star Concert Nov. 16

Columbus' Gregory Watkins and The Worship & Praise Chorale featured on uplifting, hope-filled program

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The Lincoln Theatre Association welcomes four-time Grammy Award-nominated artist B.Slade to its main stage for its annual North Star Concert. The concert, which will also feature local ensemble Gregory Watkins and The Worship & Praise Chorale, will be held Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Theatre, located at 769 E. Long St.

The North Star Concert is made possible from a PNC Foundation grant through the [PNC Arts Alive](#) initiative that challenges visual and performing arts organizations to put forth their best, most original thinking to expand audience participation and engagement. Additional support is provided by Marlon Moore Consulting.

The concert promises to be an uplifting evening of positivity and hope through music and the arts. As the North Star is a symbol of guidance and hope, so the Lincoln Theatre Association's North Star Concert offers a beacon of light and life to our community.

Tickets start at \$37 and can be purchased at www.LincolnTheatreColumbus.com or by phone at (614) 469-0939.

Singer/songwriter/producer/actor [B.Slade](#) is a 20-year veteran of the music and entertainment industry. He has performed alongside his idols, from Janet Jackson and Patti Labelle to Snoop Dogg and Kim Burrell. A gifted instrumentalist and singer, he

has performed as featured vocalist on select dates with Prince's former band, The New Power Generation.

B.Slade has written and produced more than 300 songs in the gospel and mainstream markets, for artists including Chaka Khan and Faith Evans. A two-time Emmy Award-winner, Slade has penned theme songs for the TV series *Flex & Shanice* and *One on One*.

Founded in 2017 by lifelong gospel musician Gregory Watkins, the Columbus-based Worship & Praise Chorale features 45-plus singers from around the state of Ohio, across denominations, ages, and walks of life.

Jermaine Smith will serve as music director for the North Star Concert. He is an alum of the Lincoln's Expand Your Horizon Incubation Program and has performed on the Backstage at the Lincoln concert series. He is currently producing concerts at Club Lincoln.

CALENDAR LISTING

The Lincoln Theatre Association North Star Concert

B.Slade with Gregory J. Watkins and The Worship & Praise Chorale

7 pm Thursday, Nov. 16

Lincoln Theatre

\$37-\$52

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About PNC Arts Alive

PNC Arts Alive is a multi-year initiative of PNC and the PNC Foundation dedicated to supporting visual and performing arts groups with the goal of increasing arts access and engagement in new and innovative ways. The PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group, actively supports organizations that provide services for the benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence. The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood

education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture. For more information, visit www.pncartsalive.com.

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 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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