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Jazz Fest To Host Byron Berline Benefit Encore Performance by Violinist Lucine Fyelon

OKLAHOMA CITY (March 21, 2019) – The 6th Annual Oklahoma City Jazz Festival has announced a special benefit performance by Los Angeles jazz & hip-hop violinist Lucine Fyelon. The “Byron Berline Benefit,” featuring Fyelon, will take place at 8pm, Saturday, April 13 at “The Auditorium at The Douglass.”

An Oklahoma Music Hall of Famer, Berline lost his music store “The Double Stop Fiddle Shop” in a devastating fire on Saturday, February 23 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Losses from the fire included personal memorabilia, a collection of priceless violins and his performance hall.

Based in Los Angeles, Lucine Fyelon is a jazz, R&B, blues, hip-hop and classical violinist, opera singer, songwriter, producer and actor. She received worldwide acclaim after her video “Pound Cake” went viral with more than 21 million Facebook views. She recently finished a tour with Cirque du Soleil. She has performed and recorded with musical greats Madonna, Quincy Jones, Miley Cyrus, Lauryn Hill, Foo Fighters, Ricky Martin and Britney Spears to name a few.

Fyelon appeared in the television show “Glee” for five seasons and made appearances on “Entourage” and “House of Lies.” She also had a lead role in the movie “The Black Hole.” She is a graduate of the Tchaikovsky School of Music in Armenia and received her master’s degree from UCLA with a double major in opera and violin performance. As an opera singer she sings in eight languages.

The benefit concert will also feature singer Oliva Kay and The Jeremy Thomas Quartet & Friends. Tickets for the concert are available online at www.okcjazzfest.com. The OKC Jazz Fest will contribute a portion of tickets sales from the benefit concert to the Byron Berline Fund established at the Interbank in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

The OKC Jazz Fest will take place April 2-29 at various locations throughout the city. Oklahoma City has a rich jazz history. The historic “Deep Deuce” was not only the city’s birthplace for jazz, but also served as a training ground for jazz artists in the 1930’s and 40’s. The city produced several notable jazz artists who reached national acclaim including Jimmy Rushing, Henry Bridges, Charlie Christian and Don Cherry,

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