

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Suzé DiPietro

Marketing Director

Phone: (609) 652-4927

Fax: (609) 626-5523

**GRAMMY-NOMINATED KENNY BARRON WILL APPEAR AT THE STOCKTON
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, OCTOBER 26th**

"Where the Arts Come Alive!"

OCTOBER 8, 2009, POMONA, NJ --- Philadelphia is the birthplace of many great musicians, including one of the undisputed masters of the jazz piano, Kenny Barron. Barron will perform as a part of the Monday Night Jazz & Blues Series at the Stockton Performing Arts Center on October 26th. Barron was inducted into the National Endowment of the Arts' Jazz Masters Class of 2010.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$15 and may be ordered online at www.stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an hour and a half before the performance. For Group Sales, call (609) 652-4786.

Barron will be inducted into the National Endowment of the Arts' Jazz Masters Class of 2010 in January 2010. The National Endowment for the Arts the 2010 NEA Jazz Masters Award is the nation's highest honor in this distinctly American music. The eight recipients will each receive a \$25,000 grant award and be publicly honored in an awards ceremony and concert on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center. Barron will be inducted along with such luminaries as Muhal Richard Abrams, Bill Holman, Bobby Hutcherson, Yusef Lateef, Annie Ross, Cedar Walton and George Avakian.

Barron's unmatched ability to mesmerize audiences with his elegant playing, sensitive melodies and infectious rhythms is what inspired *The Los Angeles Times* to name him "one of the top jazz pianists in the world" and *Jazz*

-MORE-

BARRON (PAGE TWO)

Weekly to call him “The most lyrical piano player of our time.”

He has earned nine Grammy nominations beginning in 1992 with “People Time” an outstanding duet with Stan Getz followed by the Brazilian influenced “Sambao.” His most recent nomination was “Firefall” in 2002. He also earned the honor of being selected as one of the Critics Choice Top Ten CDs of 2003’s by *Jazziz Magazine*. In 2005 he was inducted into the Jazz Hall of Fame and won a MAC Achievement Award. He is a six-time recipient of the Best Jazz Pianist by the Jazz Journalist Association.

For our patrons with special needs, the **Stockton Performing Arts Center** offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The **Stockton Performing Arts Center**, the Jersey Shore’s Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, on Jim Leeds Road in Pomona (Galloway Township). Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the Center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

#