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**CITY WINERY CHICAGO ANNOUNCES**  
**JAZZ AND POP VOCALIST JANE MONHEIT AND TROMBONE**  
**VIRTUOSO JEFF BRADSHAW FEATURING GLENN LEWIS AND**  
**TEEDRA MOSES**

**PLUS: INDIE FOLK SINGER/SONGWRITER ARI HEST, JAZZ VOCALIST KEVIN**  
**WHALUM AND MULTI-TALENTED CHRIS ROB**

**PUBLIC TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, MAY 24; ON-SALE TODAY TO VINOFILE™ MEMBERS**

CHICAGO (May 22, 2018) – City Winery Chicago, 1200 W. Randolph Street, announces sultry singer **Jane Monheit** and more. The following shows go on sale to the public on Thursday, May 24 at noon. All tickets will be available at [citywinery.com/chicago](http://citywinery.com/chicago).

**Chris Rob with Brandon Markell Holmes**

**Monday, June 25**

\$20/\$22/\$25/\$28

**Chris Rob** is a singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer with a twist of hip hop, house, and cool funk, all which can be heard on his recently released *Everything's Beautiful*, the Robert Glasper executive produced Miles Davis remix album. The final track, "Right On Brotha" featuring Stevie Wonder was co-written and produced by Rob with the industry heavyweight DJ Spinna. Rob has also served as an opening act for Stevie Wonder as well as serving as his musical director for President Obama's inauguration. Chris Rob is currently promoting his latest project *Sound Of Da Struggle*. His project *Mental Notes* was named among the top soul albums of 2010 by Soultracks, with selections from the album featured in the Tyler Perry film *Peeples* as well as the award-winning Showtime documentary *Phunny Business*. He also tours and directs music for his older brother, actor/comedian Craig Robinson (*Hot Tub Time Machine*, *Morris From America*) and has been seen alongside Robinson on NBC sitcoms "The Office" and "Mr. Robinson" as well as in "Hyped For Halftime," a series of commercials promoting last year's Superbowl Halftime Show.

**Kevin Whalum**

**Sunday, August 5; 7:00 p.m.**

\$15/\$18/\$22/\$25

The younger brother of noted jazz saxman Kirk Whalum, vocalist **Kevin Whalum** grew up in Memphis in the shadow of Olivet Baptist Church, where his father, the Rev. Kenneth T. Whalum, served as pastor. The church, known as a magnet for great singers and musicians, became a centerpiece of Kevin's life as a youngster, creating both a religious and a musical foundation.

After graduating with a degree in English from Morehouse, Whalum moved to Chicago to pursue a career in music. Less than six months after his arrival, he had formed a jazz-funk-soul group called Kevin Whalum & Fast Forward. He later moved to Nashville and appeared as a guest vocalist on brother Kirk's noted 1997 release, *The Gospel According To Jazz, Chapter 1*, and as part of Kirk's band at that year's Stellar Awards. Kevin now has three solo albums under his belt: the self-produced solo debut, *Timetable* (2002); the George Duke-produced, *One Life To Love* (2008); and his self-produced, *I Live For You* (2016). Although Kevin eschews any effort to force him into a category or genre, he freely admits to defining himself as "primarily a jazz vocalist who just happens to be a Christian."

### **Ari Hest**

**Friday, August 17**

\$15/\$18/\$20/\$22

**Ari Hest** has been making music and touring for about 15 years. Growing up outside New York City, he began playing guitar in the hallways of his high school, learning the songs of The Beatles, Peter Dinklage, Smashing Pumpkins, and Dave Matthews Band. Hest has played in every state in the U.S., toured extensively throughout Europe, and has had the honor of playing with a slew of incredible musicians. Hest just released his ninth LP, *Natural*, and he's also released three solo EPs as well as a song-a-week project called "52." He is also in three bands that have recorded albums over the past few years: The Open Sea with Rosi Golan, Bluebirds of Paradise with Chrissi Poland, and, most recently, a duets album with Judy Collins called *Silver Skies Blue*, which was nominated for a Grammy award for "Best Folk Album" of 2017. His music can be heard on TV or in movies – *The Path*, *The Lincoln Lawyer*, "Private Practice," "Army Wives," and "One Tree Hill" to name a few. He's also scored music for a film called *Dreamriders*, a documentary which won several independent film awards.

### **Jeff Bradshaw & friends featuring Glenn Lewis & Teedra Moses**

**Wednesday, August 29; 7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.**

\$35/\$38/\$45/\$48

Born in North Philadelphia, **Jeff Bradshaw** is known as a soul-jazz and hip-hop/funk innovator, so it was only right that this trombone virtuoso found a home at Hidden Beach Recordings. Coming up in and out of the Philadelphia Soul Movement, Bradshaw has performed along some of the music industry's greats – Michael Jackson, Earth, Wind & Fire, and Pattie LaBelle, to name a few. In 2004, he released his solo debut *Bone Deep*, which earned him critical acclaim throughout the industry and among his fans. His signature smooth sound secured his consistent spot on the festival circuit as a solo act and as a guest to artists such as Jill Scott, the Roots, and Mary J. Blige. His sophomore album at Hidden Beach, *Bone Appetit*, was a 2-disc release that featured a host of guest performers, including Raheem DeVaughn, Marsha Ambrosius, and his Hidden Beach label mates Kindred the Family Soul.

### **Jane Monheit**

**Wednesday, October 3**

\$25/\$28/\$32/\$35

**Jane Monheit** is establishing herself as one of today's best and most important vocalist-musicians. With her new album, *The Songbook Sessions: Ella Fitzgerald*—the first to be released on her own Emerald City Records—the Long Island native pays tribute to Ella while sharing a definitive portrait of herself, guided by her producer, arranger, and trumpet great Nicholas Payton. Throughout the recording, Monheit's gorgeous upward swoop is pure Ella, her earthy

wordless phrases pure Sarah, and she offers a classic example of a singer leading her influences rather than being led by them.

City Winery Chicago also announces **Adam Ness** opens for **Sidewalk Chalk** on May 29.

All City Winery Chicago events are open to all ages and start at 8 p.m., unless noted.

Tickets go on sale to the general public on May 24 at noon. Only members of City Winery Chicago's signature *VinoFile*™ program have access to ticket sales today in addition to receiving: a waiver of ticket service fees; free valet parking; Restaurant Loyalty Rewards, such as a free pair of VIP concert tickets for every \$500 spent on food & beverage in the restaurant; exclusive membership-only events; and access to the proprietary City Winery Virtual Sommelier™, which helps make suggestions for wines one might enjoy based on past consumption at the venue.

**Chris Rob, Brandon Markell Holmes, Ari Hest, Jeff Bradshaw, Glenn Lewis, Teedra Moses, Jane Monheit, Kevin Whalum and Adam Ness** join a diverse mix of the most respected names in pop, rock, jazz, blues, world music, theater, dance, spoken word and comedy presented at City Winery Chicago, including previously announced headliners and supporting acts: **Ana Popovic** (May 22); **Cathy Richardson Band** (May 23); **John Waite & the Axemen with Leslie DiNicola** (May 24-25); **Rahsaan Patterson** (May 26, 7 & 10pm); **Deacon Blues** (May 27); **American Aquarium with Cory Branam** (May 28); **Sidewalk Chalk** (May 29); **Eric Roberson** (May 30-Jun. 1); **Oleta Adams** (Jun. 3); **Al Stewart** (Jun. 4-5); **Brian McKnight** (Jun. 6-7, 7 & 9:30pm); **Joe Purdy with Raye Zaragoza** (Jun. 8); **Joan Armatrading** (Jun. 9-10); **John Mayall** (Jun. 11); **Joan Armatrading** (Jun. 12-14); **Greg Laswell** (Jun. 15); **Jeffrey Foucault with Dusty Heart** (Jun. 17); **Indigenous** (Jun. 18); **Book Reading, Signing, and Q&A with Roxane Gay** (Jun. 19, 7:30pm); **Edwin McCain** (Jun. 20); **David Ramirez with Matt Wright** (Jun. 21); **Paula Cole** (Jun. 22); **Hip Hop Yoga** (Jun. 23, 11am & 1:30pm); **Griffin House** (Jun. 23); **The Manhattans** featuring **Gerald Alston** (Jun. 24); **Lit** (Jun. 27); **Red Wanting Blue with Liz Brasher** (Jun. 28); **Marc Cohn with Clarence Bucaro** (Jun. 29); **Capitol Steps** (Jul. 1, 7pm); **Dennis Quaid & the Sharks** (Jul. 2); **Miki Howard** (Jul. 3); **Mindi Abair & the Boneshakers** (Jul. 5); **Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues with Lynne Jordan** (Jul. 6); **Carbon Leaf** (Jul. 7, 6 & 9pm); **The James Hunter Six** (Jul. 8); **Howard Jones** (Jul. 9); **Anthony David** (Jul. 11); **The Bacon Brothers** (Jul. 12, 6:30 & 9:30pm); **We Hate Movies** (Jul. 13); **Mac McAnally** (Jul. 14, 7pm); **Wayne 'The Train' Hancock & Scott H. Biram** (Jul. 15); **She's Crafty** (Jul. 16); **Roger Clyne** (Jul. 19); **Kenny Lattimore** (Jul. 20, 7 & 10pm); **Purple Veins** (Jul. 22); **Corazon de Granada** (Jul. 25); **Sonny Landreth** (Jul. 27); **God Street Wine** (Jul. 29); **Ian Maksin & Guitarra Azul** (Jul. 30); **Sawyer Fredericks with Beth Bombara** (Aug. 1); **Pat McGee** (Aug. 3); **Lori McKenna** (Aug. 4); **Tower of Power** (Aug. 8-9 & Aug. 10, 7 & 10pm); **Vivian Green** (Aug. 11, 7 & 10pm); **Over the Rhine** (Aug. 12); **Jean-Luc Ponty** (Aug. 13-14); **Talisk & Doolin'** (Aug. 15); **Robben Ford** (Aug. 16); **Don McLean** (Aug. 19); **Rachelle Ferrell** (Aug. 24-25, 7 & 10pm); **Justin Hayward with Michael Dawes** (Aug. 26, 4:30 & 8pm); **Average White Band** (Sept. 5, 6:30 & 9pm); **Jesse Colin Young** (Sept. 13); **Dar Williams** (Sept. 16); **Canned Heat** (Sept. 17); **Matthew Perryman Jones with Molly Parden** (Sept. 23); **Willy Porter Band with Martyn Joseph** (Sept. 28); **Jump, Little Children with Michael Flynn** (Oct. 1); **BoDeans** (Nov. 24, 7 & 10pm) and **Jane Lynch** (Nov. 30, 7 & 10p).

Opened in 2012, **City Winery Chicago** is a fully operational winery, restaurant with outdoor patio, concert hall and private event space located in the heart of the West Loop at 1200 W. Randolph, in the historic urban Fulton Market district. Once a refrigerated food distribution warehouse, the 1911 building has been transformed into a contemporary 33,000 square foot haven for those passionate about wine, music and culinary arts. The décor evokes the romance of being in wine country, from the exposed

stainless steel fermenting tanks and French oak barrels, to the aroma of fermenting grapes. The West Loop's only fully operation winery has produced dozens of in-house wines sourced from vineyards in California, Oregon, Washington, Argentina and Chile, including a Wine Enthusiast 92-point 2015 Verna's Vineyard Reserve Pinot Noir. With more than 400 unique producers from around the world City Winery is recognized with 2014 and 2015 Best of Awards of Excellence "for having one of the most outstanding restaurant wine lists in the world" by *Wine Spectator*. The globally inspired, locally sourced, wine-focused food menu is conceived for pairing and sharing. The concert hall accommodates up to 300 guests, all seated at tables with complete beverage and dining service, ensuring a comfortable "listening room" experience enhanced by a state-of-the-art Meyer Sound system. Riedel is the official and exclusive provider of glassware, showing City Winery's commitment to enjoying quality wine in a quality vessel. American Airlines is the Official Airline and Virgin Hotels Chicago is the Official Hotel of City Winery. For more information, please visit [www.citywinery.com](http://www.citywinery.com).

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