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STAR OF HAMILTON ON BROADWAY, LESLIE ODOM JR. TO VISIT URI

The Ryan Center to host A Special Evening with the Tony Award Winner on October 21

KINGSTON, Ri. (Sept. 01, 2016) – The University of Rhode Island Student Entertainment Committee (SEC) and Spectra by Comcast Spectacor are pleased to announce A Special Evening With Leslie Odom Jr., star of Hamilton on Broadway, coming to the Ryan Center on Friday, October 21 at 8:00 pm. The Tony Award Winner is set to perform hit songs from the critically-acclaimed musical and his jazz album, as well as a lecture component. Tickets are set to go on sale for the general public on Thursday, September 1 at 10 AM.

Critically-acclaimed and award-winning performer Leslie Odom, Jr. has recently shaken up the world of theatrics in the hit Broadway musical, Hamilton. Odom Jr. not only won the 2016 Tony Award for Best Leading Actor in a Musical for the role of “Aaron Burr” but also won a Grammy Award as a principal soloist on Hamilton’s Original Broadway Cast Recording, which won the 2015 award for Best Musical Theater Album.

Odom, Jr. originated the role of “Burr” in a sold-out run at The Public Theater in 2015, earning a Drama Desk Award nomination for Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical and a Lucille Lortel Award nomination for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical.

Odom, Jr. made his Broadway debut at the age of 17 in Rent, before heading to Carnegie Mellon University’s prestigious School of Drama, where he graduated with honors. He is the recipient of a 2002 Princess Grace Award for Acting, which is dedicated to identifying emerging talent in theater, dance and film.

On the small screen, Odom, Jr. is best-known for his portrayal of “Sam Strickland” in the NBC musical series “Smash,” and his recurring role as “Reverend Curtis Scott” on “Law & Order: SVU.” He’s also appeared in episodes of “Gotham,” “Person of Interest,” “Grey’s Anatomy,” “House of Lies,” “Vanished” and “CSI: Miami.” On the big screen he starred in the 2012 film Red Tails opposite Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding, Jr. and David Oyelowo.

Tickets to see Leslie Odom Jr at the Ryan Center on October 21 start at \$25 for the General Public, \$20 for URI Faculty/Staff and \$15 for URI Students with a student ID. Tickets are available Thursday, September 1 online at www.theryancenter.com, charge by phone at 1.855.387.4849, or at the Ryan Center Box Office.

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