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**TREEPEOPLE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES *ONCE UPON A CANYON NIGHT*
CELEBRATES 15TH SEASON AS 'LOS ANGELES' BEST KEPT SECRET'**

July 16th Opening Night Features Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band with Sheléa Frazier and Special Guest Jenifer Lewis: A Celebration of 100 Years of Ella Fitzgerald - and the Series Continues with Comedian Maz Jobrani, Vocalist Billy Valentine, the Improvised Shakespeare Company, "Airplane! The Reading!!" and More!

*Presented in Partnership with Actors Conservatory Ensemble
at the S. Mark Taper Foundation Amphitheatre*

LOS ANGELES, CA (TUESDAY JUNE 13, 2017) – TreePeople (treepeople.org) today announced its 15th summer entertainment series, *Once Upon A Canyon Night*, running on select weekend nights from July 16 through September 23. Consistently named one of Los Angeles' best kept secrets, *Once Upon A Canyon Night* is a rare treat for Angelenos looking for culturally diverse arts, music and children's entertainment each and every summer. For tickets and more information, visit treepeople.org/canyonnights, email shows@treepeople.org or call (818) 623-4877.

This year, TreePeople is proud to kick off the series with a special feature of Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band with Sheléa Frazier and Special Guest Jenifer Lewis (of the ABC hit series '*Black-ish*') fronting an 18-piece band celebrating the Great American Songbook including a Special Salute to 100 Years of Ella Fitzgerald thanks to the generous support of the Ella Fitzgerald Foundation. The season continues with great stand-up comedy from Maz Jobrani, vocalist Billy Valentine, a Wildlife Learning Center animal show with Juggler Michael Rayner, a staged reading of *Our Town*, the Improvised Shakespeare Company, a return of the iconic comedy *Airplane! The Reading!!* with Robert Forster and much more.

The summer series is nestled in the woods and under the stars in TreePeople's beautiful S. Mark Taper Foundation Amphitheatre at its 45-acre headquarters, Coldwater Canyon Park, at the intersection of Coldwater Canyon and Mulholland Drive in Beverly Hills. Seating capacity at the intimate venue is 280, and it features on-site parking and access for the differently-abled, all concealed in the intimate rolling hills overlooking the San Fernando Valley.

Full lineup & ticket prices below:

Sunday July 16th, Opening Night, 7:30pm

Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band with Sheléa Frazier and Special Guest Jenifer Lewis – Celebrating The Great American Songbook plus originals and a special salute to 100 years of Ella Fitzgerald

VIP Reserved Seating & Reception: \$85. General Admission \$55. Sponsor Level & Up

TreePeople Members \$50.

Friday July 28th & Saturday July 29th, 8pm

"Our Town" (Staged Reading)

General Admission \$20. Sponsor Level & up TreePeople Members \$15.

Saturday August 5th, 8pm

The Improvised Shakespeare Company

General Admission \$35. Sponsor Level & up TreePeople Members & up \$30.

Sunday August 6th 7:30pm

Voices! With Premiere A Capella & Top Hat Vocal

General Admission \$25. Sponsor Level & up TreePeople Members \$20.

Saturday August 12th, 7:30pm

Wildlife Learning Center & Juggler Michael Rayner (Live animals on stage)

All tickets \$20; children under 3 are free.

Friday & Saturday, August 18th & 19th, 8pm

Agatha Christie's "Black Coffee" (Staged Reading)

General Admission \$20. Sponsor Level & up TreePeople Members \$15.

Sunday August 20th, 7:30pm

Louden Swain

General Admission \$30, Sponsor Level & up TreePeople Members \$25

Saturday, August 26th, 8pm

Maz Jobrani & Friends!

General Admission \$35. Sponsor Level & up TreePeople Members \$30.

Saturday, September 9th, 8pm

Billy Valentine

General Admission \$30. Sponsor Level TreePeople Members: \$25.

Sunday, August 17th, 7:30pm

*Surprise Headliner To Be Announced Shortly

General Admission \$35. Sponsor Level TreePeople Members & up: \$30.

Friday & Saturday, September 22nd & 23rd, 8pm

"Airplane! The Reading!!" with special guest Robert Forster (returning for the 11th year!)

General Admission \$20. Sponsor Level & up TreePeople Members: \$15.

*Additional shows likely to be added

All season proceeds directly benefit the maintenance and care of TreePeople's beautiful 45-acre Coldwater Canyon Park.

About TreePeople

TreePeople unites the power of trees, people, and nature-based solutions to grow a more climate-ready LA. The organization inspires, engages and supports Angelenos to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, facilitates collaboration among government agencies, and promotes leadership in grassroots volunteers, students and communities. In this way, TreePeople seeks to build a powerful and diverse coalition to grow a greener, healthier and more water-secure Los Angeles for present and future generations. For more information, visit treepeople.org.

S. Mark Taper Foundation Amphitheatre

Dedicated in 1997, this intimate venue hosts theatrical readings, concerts, family & comedy nights, environmental presentations and classes during the summer - all in partnership with the volunteers of Actors Conservatory Ensemble. The amphitheatre was made possible through the generosity of the S. Mark Taper Foundation and several individuals, including Johnny Carson, Candice Bergen, Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman, Steve Martin and Bonnie Raitt.

Actors Conservatory Ensemble (ACE)

ACE returns to co-present this 15th season under the guidance of Jim Hardie, TreePeople's Director of Park Operations, and Eileen Mack Knight, Artios-award winning casting director. A volunteer driven company, ACE members have invested personally in many venue improvements and have donated thousands of hours of their time to make these past 14 seasons come alive.

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