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MARY LOUISE LEE ORCHESTRA OPENS LONE TREE ARTS CENTER'S NINTH SEASON WITH HER DIANA ROSS TRIBUTE

Lone Tree Arts Center Guild Holds Opening Night Gala Before The Show

LONE TREE, CO – The **Mary Louise Lee Orchestra** returns to the Lone Tree Arts Center after last year's sold out tribute to Aretha Franklin, opening the Center's season on **Saturday, September 21** with an all-new show featuring the music of **Diana Ross**. Mary Louise Lee ignites the stage once again lending her powerful voice to one of music's greatest living legends. With her amazing range, emotional fire, and sheer charisma onstage, Mary Louise Lee and her full band will take you on a tour through some of Ms. Ross's most popular songs and some lesser-known melodies.

The **Lone Tree Arts Center Guild** holds its annual fundraising **Gala** with cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions prior to the performance, along with dancing and dessert immediately following it.

About Mary Louise Lee

Mary Louise Lee began performing at an early age. For over 20 years, she has built an extraordinary professional performing career. She toured Korea, Japan, Johnston Island, Honduras, and Panama singing for the troops of the U.S. Department of Defense. Mary Louise has performed at high profile events including the 2004, 2008, and 2012 Democratic National Conventions, Colorado Governor's Inaugural Gala, Opening Ceremonies for Colorado State Senate and Colorado House of Representatives, Denver Mayor's City Address, Governor's Preservation Concert Series, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony with Colorado Symphony, First Ladies of Jazz concert with Colorado Symphony, Winter Park Jazz Festival, Taste of Colorado, Capitol Hill People's Fair, Lone Tree Arts Center, Denver Day of Rock, Denver Broncos, Denver Nuggets, the grand opening of Union Station and Red Rocks Visitor Center, and was a Season

Nine contestant on *America's Got Talent*, just to name a few. She recently received the Colorado Theater Guild Henry Award for Outstanding Actress in a Musical for *Caroline, or Change* at the Aurora Fox.

As Denver's First Lady, she combines her passion for the arts and youth through her Bringing Back the Arts Foundation. From students to senior citizens, Ms. Lee is committed to being an ambassador for the arts to help expose and expand access to Denver's vibrant arts and cultural communities.

About the Mary Louise Lee Orchestra

The Mary Louise Lee Band was created in 2006 in Denver, Colorado, specializing in R&B, soul, contemporary jazz, traditional jazz, and Top 40. Throughout the past 11 years, The Mary Louise Lee Band has morphed into a trio (The Mary Louise Lee Trio), quartet (The Mary Louise Lee Quartet), and The Mary Louise Lee Orchestra.

Available for corporate, galas, festivals, clubs, and private events, the Mary Louise Lee franchise has performed at many high-profile functions including major political conventions, Dillon Summer Concert Series, Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Foote Lagoon, Clocktower Cabaret, Nocturne, and Delta Sigma Theta Jazz Brunch, just to name a few.

The Mary Louise Lee Band has opened for national recording artists including Stephanie Mills, Boyz II Men, Surface, Con Funk Shun, Cameo, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, Al B. Sure!, Jeffrey Osborne, Sheila E., Evelyn "Champagne" King, and Regina Belle.

Mary Louise Lee Orchestra's Diana Ross Tribute

Saturday, September 21 at 8pm

Tickets: \$48

Tickets may be purchased by calling 720-509-1000, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm or at www.LoneTreeArtsCenter.org.

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