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Marc Falato '87 & Mark Wilson

DEAR FRIENDS,

It is my honor to share some exciting news about the future of Zoellner Arts Center.

A longtime collaborator, partner, and Lehigh alumnus has made a meaningful commitment to both our present and our future by endowing the Executive Director position. I am proud to now serve as the **Marc Falato '87 Executive Director of Zoellner Arts Center**. This support for the arts at Lehigh University represents something deeper. It is a belief in this place, in this work, and in what we can continue to build together.

That work continues to grow through purposeful partnerships.

Our collaboration with the Carnegie Hall Weill Music Institute through Well-Being Concerts and the Lullaby Project has allowed us to expand our Arts & Wellness initiatives across campus and the Lehigh Valley. We are building a system in which the arts are not an extra but an essential civic infrastructure of how a community cares for itself.

At the same time, we remain committed to artistic excellence through the world-class artists we bring to our stage. The season opens with a generational voice in Graham Nash, followed by the sharp, observant wit of David Sedaris, and the unmistakable presence of LeAnn Rimes. We welcome Andy Grammer, whose music brings joy and meets audiences exactly where they are, lifting them just a bit higher.

If you ever wanted to run away with the circus, you will have three opportunities to see this art form with Cirque Alfonse, Minty Fresh Circus, and Gravity & Other Myths. The National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine is a remarkable ensemble whose music reminds us that even in turbulent times, there are moments of beauty, reflection, and restoration. Family programming remains central to who we are. This season, Pete the Cat is a highlight of our Family Series as we start a Choose-What-You-Pay model because we believe access to the arts is for all. When you come to Zoellner, you also help us make a difference in supporting 10,000+ K-12 students who attend our School Shows, bringing curriculum to life for children across the Lehigh Valley.

In celebration of America's 250th founding, the Lehigh University Music Department finds all the right notes performing compositions by Sousa, Joplin, Bernstein, and more. The Department of Theatre explores powerful themes of agency, freedom, and reinvention through four contemporary plays. Remember, it is always a good time to visit LUAG, Lehigh University's free public museum, while you are on campus.

When I think about this season, I don't just think about performances. I think about how we bring the world to the Lehigh Valley...how we bring joy to our community...how we connect our beautiful campus to the rest of the Greater Lehigh Valley. You are all welcome to experience the arts with us.

With Gratitude,

Mark Wilson

Marc Falato '87 Executive Director
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Zoellner Arts Center is now closely aligned with the Lehigh University Art Galleries and University Libraries under a new Vice Provost for Arts and Libraries, further elevating the arts and maximizing impact on our community.

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ABOUT

Emmy Award winner and multi-platinum artist Andy Grammer has built a career on songs that turn optimism into something anthemic, honest and deeply human. After getting discovered on Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade in 2009, Grammer broke out in 2011 with his upbeat, sunshine-laced single "Keep Your Head Up." Since then, he has become one of pop music's most beloved and enduring voices, earning eight gold and platinum certifications, nearly 50 national television appearances and more than four billion career artist streams.

His catalog includes fan-favorite hits such as "Honey, I'm Good," "Fresh Eyes," "Don't Give Up On Me," "I Am Yours" and "The Good Parts," with songs that have soundtracked everything from family milestones to viral social moments across the globe. Known for his magnetic live show and signature blend of heartfelt songwriting, soaring hooks and communal, feel-good pop, Grammer has performed on major national platforms including *Live with Kelly & Mark, Good Morning America, TODAY, The Tonight Show, The Kelly Clarkson Show, Dancing with the Stars, American Idol* and more.

His 2024 album *Monster*, which found Grammer exploring anger, grief and emotional honesty in a bold new way, has surpassed 600 million streams worldwide. Across his career, Grammer has amassed a global fanbase and massive social footprint, including more than 450,000 new followers across TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and YouTube over the past year alone, as well as more than three billion lifetime TikTok views.

Grammer's latest album, *Big Stupid Heart*, is out now via S-Curve Records/Hollywood Records. The single "All I Want Is You" finds Grammer taking stock of the ambitions and distractions that can pull us away from what matters most. After chasing money, success and the promise of a dream that ultimately left him unfulfilled, he arrives at a simple realization: everything he has been looking for has been right in front of him all along.

On the new song, Grammer said: "I wish I was better at remembering this, but I can get pretty caught up in chasing the next thing - the next goal, the next accomplishment, whatever I've decided is going to make me feel like I've finally arrived. 'All I Want Is You' is a reminder to myself in song form that my wife and daughters are my north star."

At its heart, “All I Want Is You” poses the question that anchors the song: What if we have been wasting precious time chasing something that cannot compare to the love already in front of us? Romantic, sincere and unabashedly open-hearted, the track captures the central spirit of *Big Stupid Heart* and Grammer’s belief that choosing love is never something to be embarrassed by.

“I wanted to make a record that feels like permission to care deeply again,” Grammer previously shared. “*Big Stupid Heart* celebrates the kind of people who refuse to let heartbreak make them cynical. Honestly, this is a daily battle for me. It’s my anti-cynicism battle cry.” Following Grammer’s 2024 album *Monster*, which made space for anger, grief and emotional honesty in a bold new way, *Big Stupid Heart* represents an evolution rather than a return to form. The album finds Grammer choosing sweetness, sincerity and love not out of naïveté, but as an act of resilience.

Beyond music, Grammer continues to build community through his podcast, *Showing Up With Andy Grammer*. The weekly series invites listeners to share stories of people who showed up for them during difficult moments, which Grammer then transforms into original songs. Recent guests have included Hospice Nurse Julie, Derek Hough, Justin Willman, Lewis Howes, Skylar Grey, Arthur C. Brooks, Rainn Wilson, Shawn Johnson East and Andrew East.

Grammer’s philanthropic work is also central to who he is as a person and deeply reflected in his artistry. He was recently recognized by Claire’s Place Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis Support with its Clarity Impact Award and by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America with its Defender of Potential Award. He is an advocate for mental health awareness and has spoken at high-profile events including Mental Health America’s Annual Conference and the Indianapolis Colts’ “Beyond the Sidelines,” benefiting Kicking the Stigma. Additional organizations he has worked with include Feeding America, The V Foundation, Carousel of Hope and many more.

For more information, tour dates and ticket links,
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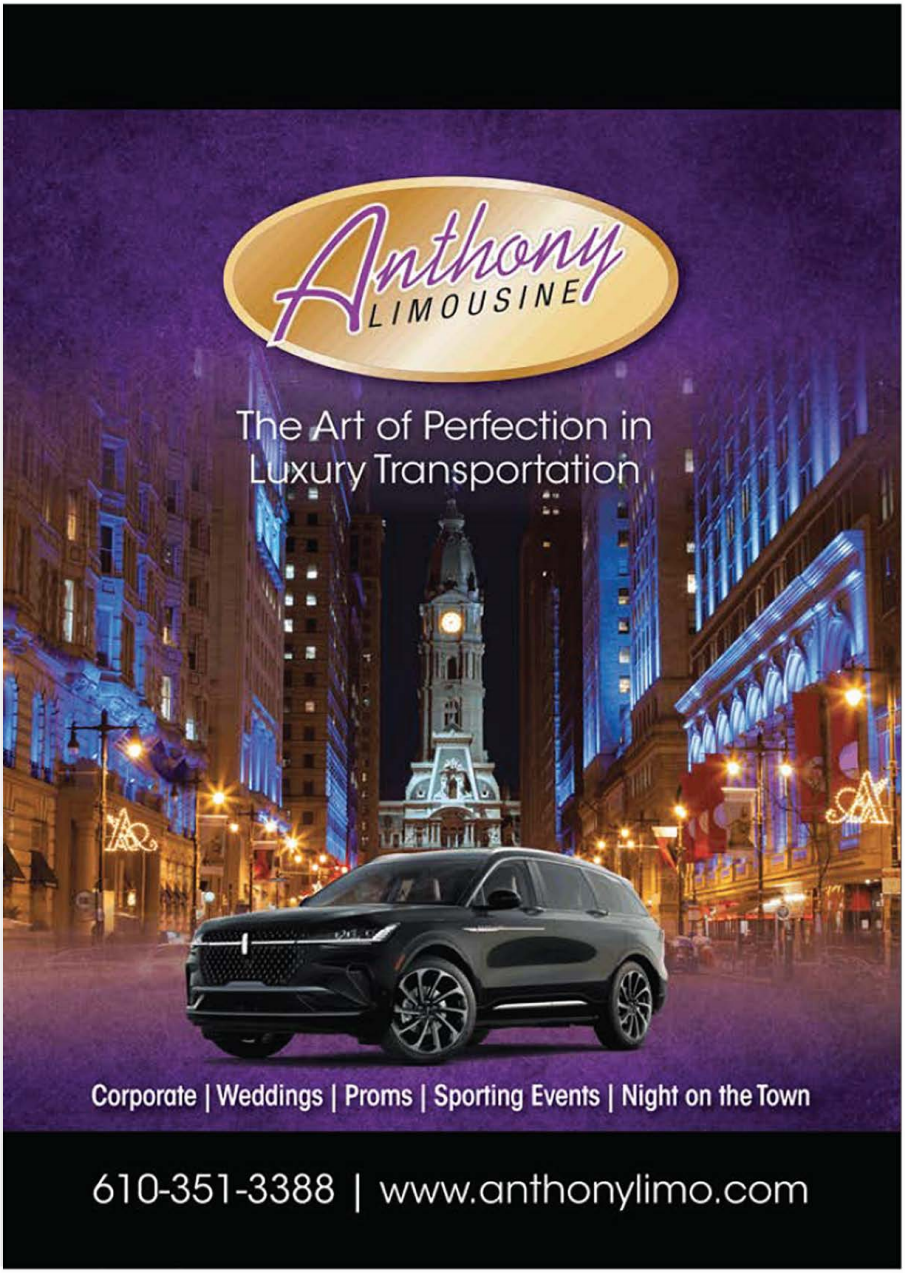
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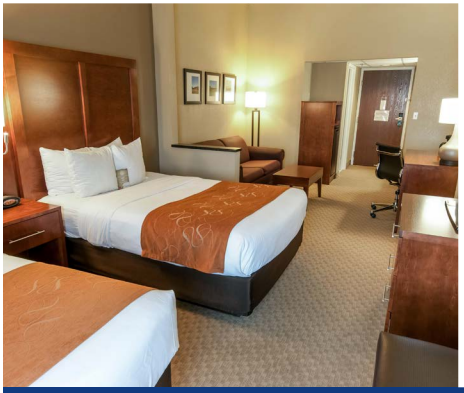
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PARKING IS FREE in the garage attached to the center for all Presenting Series, Lehigh University Music Dept. and Dept. of Theatre events (excluding some weekday morning events, Christmas Vespers in Packer Chapel and Dolce in Lamberton Hall). Please note, there may be a parking charge for non-Zoellner sponsored events.

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Please silence all mobile devices upon entering the theatre.

To leave theatres during performances, use the rear doors, if you are able, to minimize disruption of performance.

Late seating occurs at suitable intervals. While waiting, you may watch performance on lobby monitors.

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We welcome children of all ages to our Family Series shows. For performances not listed as Family Series in our brochure, we recommend that attendees be ages four and over. Everyone entering the theatre must have a ticket, and sit quietly in a seat throughout the performance. There are closed-circuit monitors in the lobby which supervised children may use to watch performances if they need a break.

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