

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*State Theatre New Jersey presents*

## **Tony Bennett**

### **The “I Left My Heart” Tour**

Sunday, October 20, 2019, 7pm / \$65-\$150

**New Brunswick, NJ** (October 4, 2019)—State Theatre New Jersey presents **Tony Bennett**, the 19-time Grammy® Award-winning musician whose music spans over six decades, on **October 20, 2019 at 7pm**. Opening for Tony Bennett is singer Antonia Bennett. *Tickets range from \$65-\$150.*

At the age of 93, Tony Bennett is not slowing down and his latest recording, with long-time friend and musical colleague, Diana Krall, *Love is Here to Stay* topped the jazz charts upon its debut and was nominated for a 2019 Grammy® Award. The album celebrates the music of the Gershwins and includes the jazz standard, “Fascinating Rhythm,” which Bennett and Krall perform as a duet. The inclusion of the song on the new album was the impetus for a Guinness World Record title for Tony Bennett, who in 1949, under his stage name of Joe Bari at the time, made his very first recording of the Gershwin standard.

With worldwide record sales in the millions, and dozens of platinum and gold albums to his credit, Tony Bennett is a musician who touches the hearts and souls of audiences with his legendary vocals and charming stage presence. His long list of achievements, spanning over 60 years, includes 19 Grammy® Awards, including the prestigious Grammy® Lifetime Achievement Award, making this artist a true international treasure. His signature tunes, such as “Steppin’ Out with My Baby” and “I Left My Heart In San Francisco,” form part of the fabric of American music culture. Often billed as the world’s most boyish octogenarian, Tony Bennett is a vital musical artist at the peak of his powers.

In 2017, the Library of Congress presented Bennett with The Gershwin Prize marking the first time that an interpretive singer has been honored. The event was broadcast on PBS Nationally and featured tribute performances by Stevie Wonder, Josh Groban, Michael Buble, Gloria Estefan, and many others. His signature song, “I Left My Heart In San Francisco,” was inducted into the National Recordings Registry in 2018. Bennett’s sixth book, *Tony Bennett: On Stage and in the Studio*, was recently published and provides an insightful look into Tony’s illustrious recording career highlighted by an extensive array of photographs, memorabilia, and artwork.

Tony Bennett's daughter, **Antonia Bennett**, has been touring with her father and will open the performance with a collection of jazz/pop standards. Antonia Bennett is a graduate of the prestigious Berklee College of Music.

**For tickets, more information, or group discounts, call State Theatre Guest Services at 732-246-SHOW (7469), or visit us online at STNJ.org.** State Theatre Guest Services, located at 15 Livingston Ave, New Brunswick NJ, is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm; Saturday from 1pm to 5pm; and at least three hours prior to curtain on performance dates unless otherwise specified. *Additional ticket and transaction fees may apply.*

***About State Theatre New Jersey***

*The theater exists to enrich people's lives, contribute to a vital urban environment, and build future audiences by presenting the finest performing artists and entertainers and fostering lifetime appreciation for the performing arts through arts education. State Theatre New Jersey's programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant award from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund. United is the official airline of the State Theatre.*

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