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JUST ANNOUNCED!

MILK & COOKIES FALL SERIES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Lively storytelling and music series for children ages 3-10

New Brunswick, NJ (October 13, 2020)— State Theatre New Jersey announces the return of the lively storytelling series **Milk & Cookies** for fall 2020. The Milk & Cookies series—which has been a popular State Theatre program for more than 10 years—is now going to be available online. The Milk & Cookies series returns with two delightful programs for children ages 3-10 and their families. The series kicks off on **Saturday, October 24**, with storyteller **Charlotte Blake Alston**; followed by musician **Joanie Leeds** on **November 14**. *To participate, a minimum donation of \$10 per event is required and gives an entire household access to a Milk & Cookies show. To donate or for more information, visit STNJ.org.*

2020 Milk & Cookies Lineup:

Charlotte Blake Alston

Saturday, October 24

Charlotte Blake Alston has shared her African and African American tales with audiences from Cape Town to Carnegie Hall, at events ranging from concerts in Japan to the U.S. Presidential Inaugural festivities. *Patrons who donate will receive an email the day of the event at 10am with a link to watch the performance. The video can be viewed at any time and will be active from October 24 through December 23, 2020.*

Joanie Leeds

Saturday, November 14

For her original kids music, singer-songwriter Joanie Leeds has won first place in the USA Songwriting Competition, the Independent Music Award, Gold Parents' Choice Award, NAPPA Gold Award, and Family Choice Award. One of the top nationally-touring indie rock singers today, Leeds recently released her ninth studio album, *All the Ladies*. *Patrons who donate will receive an email the day of the event at 10am with a link to watch the performance. The video can be viewed at any time and will be active from November 14 through February 14, 2021.*

Milk & Cookies is sponsored by Community Access Initiative Sponsor The Provident Bank Foundation and Colgate-Palmolive.

About State Theatre New Jersey

State Theatre was built in 1921 as a silent film and vaudeville palace. Recognizing the historic significance of the theater, PBS honored State Theatre New Jersey by featuring it in its documentary series, Treasures of New Jersey, in the fall of 2018. “Treasures of New Jersey: State Theatre New Jersey” can be streamed at STNJ.org/History. Today, State Theatre is the largest performing arts center in Central New Jersey and has welcomed over 5.9 million people through its doors since reopening as a non-profit performing arts center in 1988. State Theatre New Jersey is a cornerstone of the cultural vitality of Middlesex County, and averages a total economic impact on New Brunswick and the surrounding area of more than \$18 million a year. The main-stage programs have featured high-caliber artists such as Diana Ross, Tony Bennett, Kevin Hart, Ringo Starr, Melissa Etheridge, John Leguizamo, Harry Connick, Jr., Diana Krall, and Crosby, Stills & Nash. Program offerings include Broadway, orchestra, family, dance, comedy, rock/pop, jazz, Performances for Schools, and Sensory-Friendly Performances.

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.

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