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The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts presents

Yusuf / Cat Stevens: A Cat's Attic

Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 8 p.m. In the Kennedy Center Concert Hall

(WASHINGTON)—The Kennedy Center presents legendary singer-songwriter and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Inductee **Yusuf / Cat Stevens** on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall, as part of his 2016 North American tour. *A Cat's Attic* will feature a limited run of stripped-down, introspective performances and it coincides with the 50th anniversary of Stevens's first hit single release, "I Love My Dog" (1966). Tickets start at \$99 and go on sale to the general public on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Having first found fame as a teenage heartthrob singer in 1960s England, and writing one of the most iconic love songs, "The First Cut is the Deepest," Cat Stevens gained worldwide acclaim for his intimate and affecting works. From 1970 to 1978, he recorded and released the albums that would establish him as a leading singer-songwriter of his generation. His album, *Tea for the Tillerman* (1970), went gold in the United States with such songs as "Wild World," "Hard Headed Woman," "Where Do the Children Play?," and "Father & Son." However, it was *Teaser and the Firecat* (1971) that made him a megastar, with songs like "Morning Has Broken," "Peace Train," and "Moonshadow."

Following a life changing event in 1977, Stevens discovered Islam and dedicated much of his time to the advancement of education and humanitarian relief. In 2006, he returned to mainstream music with *An Other Cup*, which was followed in 2009 by *Roadsinger*. In 2014, he released his 14th studio album, *Tell 'Em I'm Gone*, and was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

To celebrate his 50th anniversary as an artist, Stevens invites fans to join him for a night of songs, storytelling and goodwill. A portion of every ticket will benefit the most vulnerable through long-term support and building sustainable futures for orphans, children, and families. Through Small Kindness, Stevens's U.K.-founded charity, donations will be made to UNICEF and International Rescue Committee to help children affected by the current refugee crisis.

TICKET INFORMATION

Yusuf / Cat Stevens performs at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 10 a.m. Tickets will be available for purchase in person at the Kennedy Center Box Office, by calling InstantCharge at (202) 467-4600, or through the Kennedy Center website at www.kennedy-center.org.

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