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BUCKS COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (BCPAC) SPONSORS SUPERSTAR JAZZ GUITARIST

-----Yardley, PA, January 12, 2008

The Bucks County Performing Arts Center (BCPAC) continues with its *Winter Jazz Series* by bringing to town jazz superstar Jimmy Bruno who will “light it up” with his two accompanying sidemen. Jazz lovers from all over the area will not want to miss this opportunity to hear such outstanding world-renowned skill and artistry in a local venue. This concert of exciting jazz performances will take place on Saturday evening, February 23 at 7:30 P.M. in the historic Yardley Community Centre.

Born July 22, 1953 in Philadelphia, Jimmy Bruno is now a master jazz guitarist and jazz educator. One of the most critically acclaimed jazz guitarists performing today, Bruno came to prominence as a jazz musician in the 1990’s following a successful twenty-year career as a much sought-after commercial and session guitarist. After a whirlwind round-the-world tour as the youngest member of the Buddy Rich Orchestra, he went on to play guitar in orchestras for the likes of Frank Sinatra, Wayne Newton, and Lena Horne. During his years as a Los Angeles session musician with Tommy Tedesco, Jimmy also played in dozens of TV and film scores. But his first love was always jazz, and by the time he was in his mid-thirties he was ready to step out on his own into the spotlight.

In 1992, Bruno landed a multi-CD recording deal with legendary jazz label Concord Records. Since then he has recorded over 13 critically acclaimed CDs, including “Sleight of Hand,” “Like That,” and “Polarity.” His most recent CD “Maplewood Avenue” (Affiliated Artists Records) was described as having “...a 'classic' feel to it...like a famous album we somehow hadn't discovered yet.” Jimmy performs constantly as leader of the Jimmy Bruno Trio in jazz venues and jazz festivals around the world, and is often described as one of the greatest jazz guitarists of all time. In May of 2007, he opened the Jimmy Bruno Guitar Institute (JBGI). With his unique insight into jazz and jazz guitar, Jimmy is constantly in demand to teach master classes.

Assisting Jimmy for this concert will be Craig Thomas on bass and Webb Thomas on drums.

Tickets are available for \$12, \$10 (seniors), \$8 (students) and \$5 for children under five. Subscription packages are also being offered this year at even further reduced prices. Tickets are available by contacting the BCPAC office, online at their website (www.bcpac.org) or at the Yardley Community Center prior to each concert.

BCPAC is a registered non-profit organization based in Lower Makefield Township. Its mission is the creation of community through the arts.

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