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GRAMMY WINNING GOSPEL SINGER KIRK FRANKLIN TO PERFORM AT THE FLORIDA THEATRE ON JULY 15

TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, March 29 | 10am

Jacksonville, Fla. – Singer, songwriter and producer Kirk Franklin comes to the historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre on Monday, July 15 at 7:30pm.

Members of the Florida Theatre at the Ensemble level and above can buy tickets now. Eclub members can use their code word to purchase on Thursday, March 28 at 9am. Tickets for Kirk Franklin will go on sale to the general public on Friday, March 29 at 10am, and can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling 904.355.ARTS(2787) or at floridatheatre.com, the official site for Florida Theatre event tickets.

Kirk Franklin emerged in the early '90s leading the Texas-based choir the Family, whose platinum-selling 1993 debut, *Kirk Franklin & the Family*, topped Billboard's gospel chart for 42 weeks with crossover to the R&B and pop charts as well.

He has since gone on to win multiple Grammy awards for his songs "Never Alone," "God Provides," "Ultralight Beam," and "Hello Fear," and for his albums *Losing My Religion*, *Wanna Be Happy*, and *Hello Fear*.

Franklin has collaborated with artists such as Mary J. Blige, Bono, Rance Allen, tobyMac, and Melvin Williams. In 2018, he produced Tori Kelly's album *Hiding Place*, and initiated the Exodus Music & Arts Festival in his hometown of Dallas.

Franklin will release his new album *Long Live Love* this upcoming May. The first single from the album, "Love Theory," debuted at No. 1 on the Hot Gospel Song Chart.

The historic nonprofit Florida Theatre is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming events or to buy tickets visit the Theatre's official web site floridatheatre.com.

Florida Theatre : From ballet and opera to contemporary pop, jazz, rock, country and blues the nonprofit Florida Theatre offers 200 cultural and entertainment events annually for every taste and age. More than just an entertainment center, The Florida Theatre is also home to graduations, awards ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events that support the community's schools, churches, hospitals and civic groups. As an anchor to downtown development along the beautiful St. Johns River, The Florida Theatre draws 250,000 people to Jacksonville's center each year. The magnificently restored Florida Theatre is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast. It is listed on the

National Register of Historic Places. The Florida Theatre holds special memories for four generations. From the Vaudeville acts and silent films of its earliest days to today's blend of performances of all kinds, The Florida Theatre has served as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927.

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