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**CAPA PRESENTS THE SMOOTH JAZZ STYLINGS OF
KENNY G
AT THE PALACE THEATRE JUNE 11**

Kenny G, the world's most renowned soprano saxophone stylist who also happens to be the biggest-selling instrumental musician and biggest-selling jazz musician of the modern era, comes to Columbus for a one night only performance. He will perform familiar songs from some of his best-selling albums plus material from his most recent release, *Rhythm & Romance*, which delves into Latin jazz.

CAPA presents **Kenny G** at the **Palace Theatre** (34 W. Broad St.) on **Wednesday, June 11, at 8 pm. Tickets** are \$62.50, \$52.50 and \$42.50 at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 431-3600 or (614) 469-0939. The Palace Theatre Ticket Office will open two hours prior to the performance. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while available.

Kenny G is touring in support of his newest release and first Latin jazz album, *Rhythm & Romance*. Backed by some of the world's finest Latin musicians, the result is a rich, one-of-a-kind tapestry of samba and salsa, ballads and bossa nova, held together by beautiful melodies of Kenny G's signature sound. Released in February 2008, the album is a collection of new songs and beloved classics that are rhythmically rooted in two disparate sounds resulting in an original and moving work.

Seattle native Kenny G studied accounting at the University of Washington before acquiring his first professional job as a saxophone soloist for Barry White's Love Unlimited Orchestra in 1976 at the age of 20. After graduating, he toured with jazz guitarist Jeff Lorber before beginning his solo career by catching the attention of legendary Arista founder and leader, Clive Davis.

His big moment came in 1988 on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson* when Kenny performed "Songbird," the landmark recording from his fourth album, *Duotones*. From there, Kenny went on to become a multi-platinum sensation, soon collaborating with the likes of Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Natalie Cole and Frank Sinatra.

His next studio albums, *Silhouette* and *Breathless*, were enormously successful, the latter becoming the biggest selling instrumental record in U.S. history with more than 12 million records sold in the U.S. alone. The album featured the Grammy Award-winning single, "Forever in Love."

Kenny soon attracted an impressive array of collaborators. In 1996, Kenny teamed with renowned artist/producer Babyface for "The Moment" which featured two vocal collaborations with Toni Braxton, "Everytime I Close My Eyes" and "That Somebody Was You."

In 1994, Kenny broke another record with his holiday compilation, *Miracles*, which in addition to being Kenny's first album to hit #1 on the *Billboard* Top 200 chart, became the best-selling holiday album of all time. More than 13 years later, that standing remains unsurpassed.

His second and third holiday standards albums, 1999's *Faith* (which featured the millennium inspired version "Auld Lang Syne") and 2002's *Wishes*, were also remarkably successful.

In 2002, Kenny took his audience to the islands with the soulful album *Paradise*, which featured the hit adult-contemporary track "All the Way" with Brian McKnight. In 2004, Kenny delivered an all-guest-star album entitled *At Last...The Duets Album* which featured performances by Barbara Streisand, Burt Bacharach, and LeAnn Rimes, as well as a remake of OutKast's "The Way You Move" with Earth, Wind and Fire.

Other notable works include 1999's album of jazz standards entitled *Classics in the Key of G* (which featured "What a Wonderful World," the virtual duet with Louis Armstrong, and "The Girl From Ipanema" duet with Bebel Gilberto) and 2006's *I'm in the Mood for Love: The Most Romantic Melodies of All Time* (which featured the saxophonist's unique take on some of the greatest love songs ever written including Dorothy Fields' "The Way You Look Tonight," Alicia Keys' "I Ain't Got You," and James Blunt's "You're Beautiful").

Kenny G has earned a Grammy Award, American Music Award, Soul Train Award, World Music Award, NAACP Image Award, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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