

Clarice Presents

Thurdsay, February 27, 2025 • 8PM KOGOD THEATRE AT THE CLARICE SMITH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



PROGRAM

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JULIUS RODRIGUEZ

Program selections to be announced from stage. Selections may include:

Mission Statement Chemical X Around the World Rise and Shine Champion's Call Blues At The Barn Butterfly Dora's Lullaby Funmi's Groove Gift of the Moon Like You did Love Everlasting Momentum Run To IT Where Grace Abounds

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JULIUS RODRIGUEZ



JULIUS RODRIGUEZ, a versatile multi-instrumentalist, composer and producer from New York, now based in Los Angeles, thrives in diverse musical landscapes. Whether commanding a jazz club stage on piano or performing at festivals worldwide, Julius electrifies with his fluid and genre-transcending creativity. Following widespread applause from The New York Times, Vanity Fair, The FADER and more, collaborations with everyone from Wynton Marsalis to A\$AP Rocky, and tens of millions of streams, he grows in as many directions as possible on his second full-

length offering, *EVERGREEN* on Verve Records. Starting his musical journey in New York, Julius honed his talents through countless gigs and collaborations with artists such as Carmen Lundy, Brasstracks, the late Roy Hargrove, Remi Wolf, Dev Hynes, Macy Gray and Cautious Clay, to name a few. and He even lent his talents to Meshell Ndegeocello's *The Omnichord Real Book*—which garnered the first-ever GRAMMY® Award in the category of "Best Alternative Jazz Album." Julius's solo debut, *Let Sound Tell All* (2022), showcased his dynamic style and received praised from NPR for its genre-defying essence. Julius continues to push boundaries in contemporary music, maintaining a commitment to authenticity and innovation, as evidenced by his performances at prestigious festivals and ongoing contributions to the global music scene.

ENGAGEMENT ON CAMPUS AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Julius Rodriguez participated in this month's Jazz Jam at Busboys and Poets in Hyattsville. He sat-in with the house band, led by Elijah Balbed, and stayed on stage to jam with several musicians from the community and from the University of Maryland. Tomorrow, Julius will host a clinic and participate in a jam with students in UMD's Jazz Studies division in the School of Music.



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