

Nasher Sculpture Center



Press Release

NasherSALON to Welcome Broadway Sensation Lin-Manuel Miranda

Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist headlines Salon on Monday, March 5 in celebration of *In the Heights* Dallas debut.

DALLAS, Texas (January 16, 2012) – The Nasher Sculpture Center in collaboration with the AT&T Performing Arts Center is pleased to announce Tony Award-winning Lin-Manuel Miranda as a featured guest of the popular NasherSALON, bringing cultural conversations to the community. Co-creator of the smash Broadway hit, *In the Heights*, Puerto Rican-American composer, rapper, lyricist and actor, Miranda became an instant sensation for writing and starring in the four-time Tony Award-winning musical. *In the Heights* will be performed as part of the AT&T Performing Arts Center's Lexus Broadway Series from March 13 through 25, 2012.

The NasherSALON will take place on **Monday, March 5** at 8 pm in the intimate, 200-seat Nasher Hall auditorium. Tickets are \$65 (\$50 for Members) and are available beginning **Monday, February 6** at NasherSculptureCenter.org/Salon or 888.695.0888.

Lin-Manuel Miranda grew up in the diverse Manhattan community of Washington Heights and that, coupled with his background in a close-knit Puerto Rican family, inspired his work as a writer, composer and performer. In 2008, Miranda received a Tony Award for Best Score and a nomination for Best Leading Actor in a Musical in Broadway's *In the Heights*, which won four Tony Awards that year including Best Orchestrations, Best Choreography and Best Musical. In addition to many other awards and nominations, the musical also took home a 2009 Grammy Award for its Original Broadway Cast Album.

As an actor, Lin-Manuel received a 2007 Theater World Award for Outstanding Debut Performance, and the 2007 Clarence Derwent Award for Most Promising Male Performance courtesy of Actor's Equity Foundation. He has also performed for President Obama and the First Family at the White House for its first-ever Poetry Jam. Additionally, his TV and film credits include *The Electric Company*, *Sesame Street*, *The Sopranos*, *House*, *Modern Family*, *The Sex and the City Movie*, and the upcoming *The Odd Life of Timothy Green*.

The NasherSALON Speaker Series features cultural icons for intimate and enlightening conversations. Past speakers have included Tony and Emmy award winner Kristin Chenoweth; actor Kevin Bacon; author John Updike; choreographer Twyla Tharp; singer and songwriter Art Garfunkel; composer Philip Glass; architect Thom Mayne; actor, producer and humanitarian Danny Glover; screenplay authors Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana; actor and activist Spike Lee; actress and model Lauren Bacall; actor Robert Duvall; singer Gladys Knight; artist Jeff Koons; and chef Wolfgang Puck.

The NasherSALON Speaker Series is sponsored by American Airlines, Rosewood Crescent Court, Carey Limousine and Modern Luxury.

About the Nasher Sculpture Center:

Open since 2003 and located in the heart of the Dallas Arts District, the Nasher Sculpture Center is home to one of the finest collections of modern and contemporary sculptures in the world, the Raymond and Patsy Nasher Collection, featuring more than 300 masterpieces by Calder, Giacometti, Matisse, Picasso, Rodin, and more. The longtime dream of the late Raymond and Patsy Nasher, the museum was designed by world-renowned architect Renzo Piano in collaboration with landscape architect Peter Walker.

Hailed by the "USA Today" as one of the great sculpture gardens where art enhances nature, the roofless museum seamlessly integrates the indoor galleries with the outdoor spaces creating a museum experience unlike any other in the world. On view in the light-filled galleries and amid the landscaped grounds are rotating works from the Collection, as well as blockbuster exhibitions and one-of-a-kind installations by the most celebrated artists of our times. In addition to the indoor and outdoor gallery spaces, the Center contains an auditorium, education and research facilities, a cafe, and a store.

The Nasher brings the best of contemporary culture to Dallas through special programs designed to engage visitors, including artist talks, lecture programs, contemporary music concerts, educational classes and exclusive member events.

The Nasher Sculpture Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm and until 11 pm for special events, and from 10 am to 5 pm on the first Saturday of each month. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for students, and free for members and children 12 and under, and includes access to special exhibitions. For more information, visit www.NasherSculptureCenter.org.

About *In The Heights*:

The national touring company of *In the Heights* will make its Dallas debut as part of the Lexus Broadway Series at the AT&T Performing Arts Center's Winspear Opera House, March 13 – 25, 2012. *In the Heights* takes place in Manhattan, in the shadow of the George Washington Bridge, where a group of hard-working immigrants live, laugh and love as they seek a better life in their new country. For more information, visit www.attpac.org/heights.

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