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### **RHIANNON GIDDENS & FRANCESCO TURRISI BRING GRAMMY-WINNING FOLK TO JORGENSEN**

Sat, Oct 8, 8 pm, 2022

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STORRS, CT - "Is there anything Rhiannon Giddens can't sing? ... [She] sings with inflections that bridge mountains and deserts." -- *The New York Times*

Hailed as “the new voice and new face of American folk music” (*NPR*), eight time nominated, and **two-time Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Rhiannon Giddens** brings her powerful, passionate vocals, spectacular banjo playing, and heartfelt lyrics to the main stage at UConn’s Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on **Saturday evening October 8**. Accompanied by **Grammy Award-winning keyboardist and multi-instrumentalist Francesco Turrisi**, Giddens will perform selections from her 2022 Grammy Award-winning Best Folk Album *They’re Calling Me Home*. Cowritten and recorded with Turrisi on a small farm outside of Dublin during the recent pandemic lockdown, the music speaks of the longing for the comfort of home as well as the metaphorical “call home” of death, which has been a tragic reality for so many during the COVID-19 crisis.

A MacArthur “Genius Grant” recipient, Giddens says her lifelong mission is to lift up people whose contributions to American musical history have previously been erased and to work toward a more honest and accurate understanding of our country’s musical origins. *Smithsonian Magazine* calls Giddens “an electrifying artist who brings alive the memories of our forgotten musical predecessors, white and black.”

**The concert is one of several events that will be hosted by Jorgensen Center in homage to the UConn Women’s Center’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. From October 8 to December 9, the Jorgensen Gallery will present *Celebration! A New Chapter for the M. Estelle Sprague Collection*, that highlights the changing silhouette of women’s dress from the early nineteenth to twenty-first centuries, as well as garments donated by women who were UConn administrators and alumnae. Curated by Susan J. Jerome,**

Jorgensen will host an opening reception at 6pm on October 8. Patrons of Rhiannon Giddens/Francesco Turrisi and the general public are invited to attend.

**Doors open at 7:30pm. Concert begins at 8:00pm.**

For more information about the artists please visit:

<https://www.rhiannongiddens.com/>

<https://www.redlightmanagement.com/artists/rhiannon-giddens>

<https://www.francescoturrisi.com/>

### **TICKET AND BOX OFFICE INFORMATION:**

**Tickets for Fall 2022 events are now on sale. Spring 2023 events will be announced at a later date.** Please check the website, [jorgensen.uconn.edu](http://jorgensen.uconn.edu), for event updates and discount information. (Note: all artists, events, dates, programs and COVID-19 policies are subject to change.) All COVID-related policy and protocol information for Jorgensen events can be found [here](#). Fall 2022 tickets will be sold in the main hall or cabaret configuration, with assigned seating.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, there are currently no in-person Box Office hours. For questions and assistance, please contact the Box Office Manager via email at [jorgensen.tickets@uconn.edu](mailto:jorgensen.tickets@uconn.edu) or call 860-486-4226.

### **ABOUT JORGENSEN**

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts presents 30 to 35 diverse performances each season, from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming and contemporary entertainment

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