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DAVE KOZ AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS TOUR RETURNS TO PLAYHOUSE SQUARE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10



Cleveland, OH. - Oct. 18, 2023 - Dave Koz and Friends announce the 26th anniversary edition of the longest-running jazz-based Christmas tour, which will include a return to **Playhouse Square at the KeyBank State Theatre on December 10th at 7:00 p.m.** Beginning the next era of this rich musical tradition, **Koz and Friends** will perform fresh renditions of timeless Christmas classics - as well as a Chanukah medley - and hits from their respective catalogues. The tour reunites Koz with long-time musical partner, guitarist/singer **Jonathan Butler** and will feature special guests, saxophonist/flutist **Marcus Anderson** making his debut, and vocalist **Rebecca Jade**, marking her third time with the tour. Traversing 25 cities over one month on the road, the tour also introduces musical prodigy **Justin-Lee Schultz**, a 16-year-old South Africa-born, U.S. based pianist/guitarist/vocalist and social media sensation.

Tickets are available online now at playhousesquare.org or by phone at 216-241-6000.

The annual tradition began as a simple six-city tour with **David Benoit** that coincided with the 1997 release of **Koz's** first Christmas album - *December Makes Me Feel This Way*.

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