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University Park, IL: For one night only Saturday, April 11 at 8 p.m., Congo Square Theatre makes its debut in the south suburbs at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts performing *Twisted Melodies.*

Directed by Samuel G. Roberson and starring Kelvin Roston Jr., *Twisted Melodies* is a powerful and intense portrayal of the renowned jazz, blues and soul singer, composer and songwriter, Donny Hathaway. Many people are familiar with Hathaway’s musical genius and his influence on the music of such artists as Alicia Keys, Stevie Wonder, John Legend and many more. Kelvin Roston Jr., however also takes patrons behind the curtain to reveal a tortured schizophrenic experience through the eyes of this celebrated artist in the ’70s.

*Twisted Melodies* will be also performed at the Athenaeum Theatre in Chicago from May 8 - June 14, but you’ll get the lowest Saturday night price at Governors State University on April 11, where tickets are just $25!

For an additional $20 enjoy a Listening Party featuring food from Flavor Restaurant. Listen to Donny Hathaway’s music and the music of the artists he inspires to this day. Call the box office for menu details.

How to Buy Tickets
Online: CenterTickets.net
By Phone: 708.235.2222
In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL
Box Office Hours: Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Download the Center’s APP: goo.gl/nqy4ul

*Twisted Melodies* is the final performance in the Center’s 2014-15 Made in Chicago series, generously supported by The Chicago Community Trust. A portion of The Center’s programming is also supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

About Kelvin Roston Jr.

KELVIN ROSTON JR is an artistic associate for Congo Square. His most recent credits include: Congo Square’s A Nativity Story, Purlie, Ruined, Death and the King’s Horseman, Othello,
Caroline of Change (St. Louis Black Rep). One of his most notable roles was that of Jackie Wilson in The Jackie Wilson Story where he received a Joseph Jefferson Award nomination and received awards from The Black Theater Alliance and The African American Excellence Alliance (Black Ensemble Theater).

About Congo Square Theatre

Twisted Melodies wraps up Congo Square Theatre’s 15th anniversary season; which has focused on reaching into new communities via an exploration of the delicate state of the human mind and how people react to extreme circumstances with extreme measures. Congo Square Theatre’s programming is rooted in and reflective of the African and African-American experience, yet remains relevant to all. For more on Congo Square Theatre Company – visit CongoSquareTheatre.org.

About The Center for Performing Arts

Each year, the Center for Performing Arts presents more than 50 performances offering diverse, high quality and affordable cultural and arts education experiences to more than 60,000 people. CPA offers national touring acts, Chicago-based artists and community and academic theatre.

The Center’s state-of-the art facility seats 1,171 patrons and is located at a vibrant and dynamic university setting that also houses an on-site Visual Arts Gallery and The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, offering unique opportunities for pre- and post-show activities and gatherings.

With free parking, a convenient location accessible to major highways and presentations ranging from theatre and concerts to opera and family programs, the Center has served as a vibrant cultural destination in the southland community since 1995.