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**MIGUEL ZENÓN PRESENTS WORLD PREMIERE OF
"PUERTO RICO NACÍÓ EN MI: TALES FROM THE DIASPORA"
AT PEAK PERFORMANCES, FEBRUARY 4 AT 8PM**

MacArthur Fellow saxophonist Miguel Zenón, renowned for his fusion of Puerto Rican "plena" music with traditional jazz, will present the world premiere of "Puerto Rico Nació en Mi: Tales from the Diaspora" at Peak Performances on February 4. Integrating a multimedia design of conversations that Zenón had with various Puerto Ricans, the work celebrates the myriad of ways in which Puerto Ricans claim their singular identities. In addition to Zenón on alto saxophone, the musicians include Luis Perdomo, piano; Hans Glawischnig, bass; Henry Cole, drums, and Big Band. The visual design is by video artist David Dempewolf, and the sound design is by Paul Bagin. The work was commissioned by Peak Performances.

To learn more about Miguel Zenón, please visit www.miguelzenon.com.

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TICKET, TRANSPORTATION AND DINING INFORMATION

Performance time: February 4 at 8pm

All tickets are \$15 and are available at the Alexander Kasser Theater Box Office by calling 973-655-5112 or online at <http://www.peakperfs.org>.

Charter bus service is provided from New York City's Port Authority Bus Terminal – arcade on 41st Street between 8th and 9th Avenues – to the Alexander Kasser Theater (\$10 per person, roundtrip) for all Saturday and Sunday performances. Bus reservations may be made by calling 973-655-5112 or by visiting <http://www.peakperfs.org>.

For restaurants close to the Alexander Kasser Theater, visit <http://www.destinationmontclair.com>

Montclair State University is located at 1 Normal Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey 07043.

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