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**WORLD PREMIERE OF FRED HERSCH'S 'MY COMA DREAMS'
AT PEAK PERFORMANCES @ MONTCLAIR
MAY 7 AT 8PM AND MAY 8 AT 3PM**

Fred Hersch's "My Coma Dreams," a world premiere commissioned by and taking place at Peak Performances @ Montclair, May 7 and 8, is an imaginative musical/theatrical chronicle of the two months that Hersch spent in a coma in 2008. The 60-minute multi-media jazz work, comprised of "dream stories," some animated, some sung and some narrated by a speaker/singer on stage, is scored for trumpet, trombone, clarinet, alto sax, bass, clarinet, violin, viola, cello, piano, bass and percussion. The music is by Hersch, text and direction by Herschel Garfein and the multi-media/animation is by Sarah Wickliffe. The musicians are from the Fred Hersch Ensemble. Michael Winther is the speaker/singer. For Fred Hersch's biography, <http://www.fredhersch.com/epk/pressbio1.html>

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TICKET, TRANSPORTATION AND DINING INFORMATION

Performance times:

Saturday, May 7 at 8pm and Sunday, May 8 at 3pm

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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