

Grand Performances Presents Two Delightfully Distinct Events This Weekend

The Long Beach Opera will present Frida on the Grand Performances stage Friday, June 23. Saturday June 24, Miguel Atwood-Ferguson will perform in downtown LA.

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, June 19, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ----Grand <u>Performances</u> continues rolling out evocative high caliber entertainment this summer with two complimentary yet contrasting showcases that help define the organizations eclectic programming.

On Friday, June 23, in conjunction with the Long Beach opera, Grand Performances will present the life and art of <u>Frida</u> Kahlo's complex story. The pain and passion painted in vibrant colors of



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her multifaceted life will fill the downtown stage. Composer Robert Xavier Rodríguez combines Mariachi-style orchestration with his interpretations of ragtime, zarzueta and '30s jazz to convey the impact and volatility of a woman who challenged tradition and social norms.

On Saturday, June 24, <u>Miguel Atwood-Ferguson</u> will delight the Grand Performances audience with Suite for Ma Dukes and new original material. Using the style of contemporary chamber music, this homage to producer-rapper J Dilla's highly influential work and unfulfilled legacy pays tribute to one of hip-hop's most accomplished artists through orchestral interpretation. Multi-instrumentalist, producer, community leader and educator Atwood-Ferguson will also share selections from his upcoming release, "Les Jardins Mystiques."

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