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Grammy® and Oscar® Award-Winning Artist Christopher Cross Sails into Montalvo at the Lilian Fontaine Garden Theatre August 19

Up and Coming Vocalist Jenn Grinels to Open for Christopher Cross

Saratoga, CA Contemporary music superstar **Christopher Cross** sails into Montalvo's outdoor Lilian Fontaine Garden Theatre Friday, August 19, where he'll fete fans with his mega-hit ballads. By far the biggest adult contemporary artist of the 80s, **Cross** will dazzle audiences with his smooth, sophisticated sounds and timelessly popular hits, as well as songs from his newly released CD, *doctor faith*. **Jenn Grinels**, an up-and-coming singing sensation from **Cupertino, California**, will open for the popular crooner.

Cross virtually defined adult contemporary radio when his self-titled debut album with the lead single, "Ride Like the Wind," rocketed to #2 on the charts, followed by the second single, "Sailing." With two additional top 20 hits, "Never Be the Same," and "Say You'll Be Mine," he walked off with an unprecedented record-setting five Grammys® in 1981, including *Best New Artist* and *Song of the Year* for "Sailing." **Cross** soon scored a second #1 hit, as well as an Academy® Award, with "Arthur's Theme (Best That You Can Do)," which he co-wrote with Burt Bacharach, Carole Bayer Sager, and Peter Allen for the Dudley Moore smash hit film *Arthur*.

Cross' much-anticipated second album *Another Page* came out in 1983 and produced the hits "All Right," "No Time for Talk," and a top 10 entry for "Think of Laura," a song featured prominently in the daytime drama, *General Hospital*.

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Four years, two albums, eight hit singles, several world tours, five Grammys®, and one Oscar® marked **Cross'** meteoric rise to the top in the mid-80s. **Cross** continues to record and perform, averaging 100 live shows per year. To-date, he's sold 9 million albums worldwide.

Jenn Grinels

Grinels' music is characterized by acoustic guitar and powerful vocals with elements of folk, pop, jazz and the blues. Her second full-length album, *Broken Heart Breaker*, was released in May 2011 and has received almost universal praise from reviewers and comparisons to well-known musicians Fiona Apple, Ani DiFranco, and Jewel. After recording a self-titled EP in 2004, **Grinels** recorded her first full-length album, *Little Words*, in 2007. Her song "Can't Stay Here," was featured on MTV's "Real World/Road Rules Challenge: The Island."

Grinels has received numerous awards, including the 2007 "Best Performer" and "Best Vocalist" Honoring Acoustic Talent Awards, the West Coast Songwriters' Song Contest and the 2010 Association of Campus Activities "Best Female Solo Artist" award. **Grinels** left her hometown of Cupertino, California, to study musical theater at the University of California at Irvine. After graduation, **Grinels** moved to San Diego and made a living performing in musicals, including performances as Janis Joplin in the 1960s musical *Beehive* and as Yitzhak in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* before devoting her time to a solo career.

Christopher Cross with Jenn Grinels is the ninth concert in the [2011 ARTTEC Summer Concert Series](#) at Montalvo's charming and intimate Lilian Fontaine Garden Theater. ARTTEC is an innovative partnership between Montalvo and the [Sobrato Arts Foundation for Education](#) that provides hands-on training and mentoring for high school students in the performing arts industry. Throughout the concert series, students will work directly with concert production professionals and high-caliber artists in learning about the performing arts business and backstage production, while gaining real-world work experience.

Every ticket sold in the summer concert series supports both nonprofit arts institutions.

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The Montalvo Experience: Surrounded by Italianate gardens and a stunning Mediterranean Villa, concertgoers are encouraged to picnic on the historic grounds or enjoy delicious offerings from the on-site concessions before the performance. Gourmet dinners will be served on the villa's beautiful veranda before each performance and must be pre-ordered through the box office.

Christopher Cross and Jenn Grinels

What: Adult contemporary music superstar **Christopher Cross** sings his mega-hits and new tunes from *doctor faith*. Local rising female vocalist and acoustic guitar player, **Jenn Grinels**, will open for **Cross**.

Date: Friday, August 19, at 8:00 p.m.

Where: Lilian Fontaine Garden Theatre at Montalvo Arts Center, 15400 Montalvo Road, Saratoga, CA

Admission: Tickets starting at \$49. Available at montalvoarts.org, ticketmaster.com, or by calling the Montalvo Box Office at 408-961-5858, Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Box Office is also open one hour prior to performance.

About Montalvo Arts Center

Montalvo Arts Center is a nonprofit member-supported organization dedicated to forging meaningful connections between art, artists and the communities it serves through creation, presentation and education in extraordinary ways and settings. Located in Silicon Valley's Saratoga hills, Montalvo Arts Center occupies a Mediterranean-style villa on 175 stunning acres, including an international artist residency program. Senator James Phelan left the historic villa and grounds to the people of California for the encouragement of art, music, literature and architecture.

The Lucas Artist Residency Program offers selected artist's private housing, a professional staff that is supportive of the creative process, and an environment conducive to both individual practice, community engagement, and the energetic exchange of ideas among international and culturally diverse Fellows. ###