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Wyclef Jean to perform with the Omaha Symphony  
*Concert part of partnership between Omaha Symphony and Maha Music Festival*

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 9, 2018- The Omaha Symphony and Maha Music Festival will present *A Night of Symphonic Hip Hop featuring Wyclef Jean*, Friday, January 19, 2018, 8 p.m., at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

Conducted by Music Director Thomas Wilkins, the concert will feature multiple Grammy Award-winner Wyclef Jean performing his fusion hip hop hits live with the Omaha Symphony, the first time he has performed all his hits with a symphony orchestra. The performance will include Wyclef's hits "Gone 'Till November," "Borrowed Time," "Maria Maria," "No Woman No Cry," a medley of songs from his time with the chart-topping band The Fugees, and more.

In addition to the concert, the evening will also include local Omaha musician CJ Mills kicking off the evening at 7:10 p.m. in the Conagra Lobby, and a post-concert party for ticket holders at the Holland featuring a live DJ set from Kethro and a cash bar until 11:30 p.m.

From his time with the chart-topping band The Fugees to his long solo career, Wyclef Jean is one of the top hip hop artists of this generation. In addition to his hits, Wyclef is a GRAMMY-winning producer, actor, and author. He has also been an active voice in his home country of Haiti.

The music that Wyclef Jean has written, performed, and produced — both as a solo superstar and as founder and guiding member of The Fugees — has been a consistently powerful, pop cultural force for over two decades. Wyclef co-wrote and is featured on Shakira's chart-topping 2006 single "Hips Don't Lie," which climbed to No. 1 in 20 countries including the U.S. — a crowning achievement atop a nearly unprecedented run of hits that includes Wyclef's own "Gone 'Till November," "Ghetto Superstar" (Pras, featuring Wyclef Jean), Carlos Santana's No. 1 single "Maria, Maria" (featuring Jean and Product G&B) and the late Whitney Houston's "My Love is Your Love." Wyclef has been rewarded for his creativity and adventurousness with three GRAMMY Awards, a spot on the cover of *Rolling Stone's* special "Top 50 Hip Hop Players," and the opportunity to make music with such legends as Michael Jackson, Queen, Mick Jagger, Paul Simon, Earth, Wind & Fire, Kenny Rogers, and Tom Jones. As a solo artist, he has released six albums that have sold nearly nine million copies worldwide, including his 1997 debut *The Carnival* and 2000's aptly titled *The Eclectic: 2 Sides II a Book*.

Maha Music Festival is a nonprofit organization with a mission to showcase the unique heart and soul of the Midwest, collaborate with community to provide unforgettable experiences, and position the region as the premier place to put roots down and grow. By highlighting emerging local artists and pulling in big national talent, their annual festival has grown steadily over the past decade, drawing attendees from 46 states and counting. Their vision is to push beyond the parameters of a traditional music festival and continue to attract fans from all over the country, while celebrating the local community—the people and what they do, what they create and build, and the causes they champion.

Tickets to *A Night of Symphonic Hip Hop featuring Wyclef Jean* with the Omaha Symphony start at \$29. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.omahasymphony.org](http://www.omahasymphony.org), or calling Ticket Omaha at 402.345.0606.

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