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Grammy winning artist

Melissa Manchester

**Brings her holiday concert to the
Charlotte Performing Arts Center December 6**

Grammy winning artist **Melissa Manchester** will perform her acclaimed holiday concert at the **Charlotte Performing Arts Center** on **December 6**. The concert begins at **7:30 p.m.**

Melissa Manchester's albums have served to establish her as one of the most compelling singer/songwriters in contemporary music for over thirty years. Her career began as a solo singer/pianist in the clubs of Greenwich Village and Manhattan's Upper West Side, where she met Bette Midler. As a back-up singer for Bette, Melissa fulfilled her childhood fantasy of playing New York's Carnegie Hall. Six months later she had a recording contract, and shortly thereafter was headlining Carnegie Hall and performing for sold-out audiences.

Melissa was nominated for a Grammy award in 1978 and 1979 and received the Grammy Award in 1982 for Best Female Vocalist. In 1980 she became the first artist in the history of the Academy Awards to have two nominated movie themes in one year – "Through the Eyes of Love" and "The Promise" – and went on to make Oscar history by performing both songs during the broadcast. Her holiday album, *Joy*, has been hailed by the New York Times as a "heartfelt Christmas album that sounds classic on the first listen."

Tickets for *Melissa Manchester* are only \$32 and can be purchased by calling the Charlotte Performing Arts Center Box Office at 517-541-5690. Tickets are also available on-line at www.CPACpresents.com.

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