



Press Release

## **CELEBRATED CONTEMPORARY SINGER, COMPOSER AND SONGWRITER RUFUS WAINWRIGHT TO PERFORM AT DUBAI OPERA FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY**

**Dubai UAE, 19th July 2017** – Award winning male vocalist, composer and songwriter, Rufus Wainwright is set to bring his contemporary pop and classical sounds to Dubai Opera for one night only on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017. He will perform a special intimate set solo on guitar and piano. Tickets will go on sale for the renowned performer at midday on the 20th July 2017, with prices starting from just AED 295.

Dubbed one of the greatest male vocalists of his generation, the New York-born, Montreal-raised singer-songwriter has released eight studio albums and three live albums including the Grammy-nominated *Rufus Does Judy at Carnegie Hall* and *Release The Stars* which went Gold in the UK and Canada. Wainwright has also won two Juno Awards for Best Alternative Album for *Rufus Wainwright* and *Poses*.

The critically acclaimed star has made a name for himself in both the pop and classical world, having collaborated with global superstars including Elton John, Boy George, Pet Shop Boys and producer Mark Ronson, and has co-written with renowned musician and producer, Guy Chambers, on Robbie Williams' album, *Swings Both Ways*.

In addition to his contemporary pop work, Wainwright's first opera, *Prima Donna*, has been performed around the globe. After debuting at the Manchester International Festival in 2009, it went on to London's Sadler's Wells in 2010 followed by the Luminato Festival in Toronto in 2010 and the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Howard Gilman Opera House in 2012. Wainwright's second opera, *Hadrian*, will premiere in Toronto in October 2018.



Distinguishing himself in the music world by playing original orchestrated pop songs with pieces from an extensive classical repertoire, Wainwright was the first solo artist to complete a five-concert residency at The Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, London, and in 2014 he also debuted at the London Proms at The Royal Albert Hall.

Jasper Hope, Chief Executive at Dubai Opera, commented: "From Carnegie Hall to Covent Garden, Rufus Wainwright has graced the stages of the world's most famous stages with sell-out shows and sensational performances. I am delighted he's agreed to add Dubai Opera to that list and I know we're in for an unmissable night of outstanding music and musicianship this December."

For full details please visit: [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com)

For more information on Rufus Wainwright, visit <http://rufuswainwright.com>

Tickets will be available from AED 295 from midday on 20<sup>th</sup> July at [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com)

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**Note to Editors**

**About Dubai Opera:**

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m<sup>2</sup> flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage hosts an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera also stages musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment.

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