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**WHYY-TV LAUNCHES FIFTH SEASON OF EMMY AWARD-WINNING *ON CANVAS*
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES WITH FOUR EPISODES OCT. 6 TO 27**

*Program to Spotlight In the Pocket, Randy Newman,
Aloe Blacc & The Grand Scheme and Kun-Yang*

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6, 2011 — WHYY-TV's *On Canvas* will return with its fifth season Thursday, Oct. 6, with an episode featuring **In the Pocket** performing at World Café Live in Philadelphia. *On Canvas* is a weekly performing arts series showcasing the diverse music scene in Greater Philadelphia.

Upcoming episodes will feature **Randy Newman** on Oct. 13, **Aloe Blacc & The Grand Scheme** on Oct. 20 and **Kun-Yang** on Oct. 27. *On Canvas* episodes premiere on WHYY-TV at 10 p.m. Thursdays and are regularly rebroadcast on WHYY-TV and WHYY-TV's Y Arts channel (Channel 12.2, Comcast 257 and Verizon FiOS 474). Additional rebroadcast dates and times are available at WHYY.org. *On Canvas* episodes may also be streamed at WHYY.org/oncanvas.

In the Pocket at World Café Live in Philadelphia's University City neighborhood at 10 p.m. Oct. 6

David Uosikkinen, drummer from the Philadelphia based pop band, *The Hooters*, assembled an all-star lineup in In the Pocket and resurrected some of the forgotten classics of the past while raising money for the Settlement Music School. Fellow Hooters Rob Hyman and Eric Bazillian are joined by Tommy Conwell, Jeffrey Gaines, Cliff Hillis, Graham Alexander and others to jam on stage to the songs from such artists as the Dovells, Youth Camp and the Nazz.

Randy Newman at The Scottish Rite Auditorium in Collingswood, N.J., at 10 p.m. Oct. 13

Randy Newman is a globally recognized name, having won two Oscars, five Grammys, three Emmys, as well as being an inductee into the Songwriters' Hall of Fame. He is known for scoring films including modern classic children's films *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life* and *Monsters, Inc.* Despite all that unbridled acclaim, Newman remains down-to-earth and maintains his sense of humor. His tongue-in-cheek succinct style has been often imitated but never duplicated with the same flair.



Aloe Blacc & The Grand Scheme at World Café Live in Philadelphia's University City neighborhood at 10 p.m. Oct. 20

The sultry sounds of R&B artist Aloe Blacc has touched audiences internationally since he began taking music seriously in high school. Starting out as a rap artist, Aloe has transcended into an explosive force in the R&B world with the release of his well known hit "I Need a Dollar." "My purpose for music is positive social change," the California native Blacc says.

Kun-Yang Lin Dancers at The Painted Bride Art Center in Philadelphia's Old City neighborhood at 10 p.m. Oct. 27

The critically acclaimed and internationally active Kun-Yang Lin Dancers utilize diverse influences from Taiwan such as calligraphy, martial arts, tai chi and traditional Chinese dance movements and express those impulses in a contemporary way. The dancers draw on their unique Asian-American perspective to create work that transcends cultural boundaries and celebrates the ability of dance to integrate body, mind and spirit.

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