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## LEXUS LISTENING LOUNGE RETURNS TO THE CHICAGO AUTO SHOW FEATURING LEGENDARY PERFORMERS & CHICAGO FAVORITES

*Special Edition of **The Lexus Listening Lounge** Will Feature PJ Morton, Jon B, Angie Fisher and More*

**(CHICAGO)** February 1, 2017 – Leading luxury automotive brand Lexus announces its return to the Chicago Auto Show with a special edition of its hit R&B/Soul music property, the Lexus Listening Lounge from Saturday, February 11 through Sunday, February 19. Lexus has been tapped once again to provide a special guest at the exclusive First Look for Charity Gala. Auto show attendees will have the opportunity to view the all-new 2018 LS 500, as well as the full line-up offered by Lexus and be treated to amazing live performances and meet-and-greets with guest performers. Along with Grammy-nominated and award-winning artists, returning to the stage this year will also be some familiar faces and up-and-coming Chicago talent. This stellar lineup includes: **Jon B, PJ Morton, Syleena Johnson, Angie Fisher, Krystal Metcalfe and The Moe Fitz Project.**

The schedule for the Lexus Listening Lounge at the Chicago Auto Show includes:

### **Friday, February 10, 2017 (PRIVATE CHARITY PERFORMANCE)**

**PJ Morton**

*Performance: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM*

As his celebrated 2015 live album *Live Show Killer* suggests, PJ Morton's heart is onstage. In fact, the indie R&B darling and Maroon 5 keyboardist/vocalist owes his loyal following as much to his electrifying shows as to his popular albums. Influenced by acts ranging from the Beatles and James Taylor to Stevie Wonder and Donny Hathaway, the New Orleans native is the son of gospel singer Paul S. Morton. His formal foray into the industry was as a member of the band Freestyle Nation, which debuted in the early 2000s. But it was as a songwriter/producer that Morton left his first indelible impression. He won a Grammy Award for his songwriting/production of India.Arie's "Interested" from her 2002 album, "Voyage to India". He has worked with an array of artists, including Jermaine Dupri, LL Cool J, Monica, Musiq Soulchild, and Trinitee 5:7. His work with gospel singer DeWayne Woods not only earned him Dove and Stellar Awards, but the distinct honor of seeing his production of Woods' "Let Go, Let God" earn them a record 70-weeks on the gospel music charts. In November 2015, he relocated home to Louisiana to jumpstart his latest venture, **Morton Records.**

### **Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017**

**Angie Fisher**

*1<sup>st</sup> Performance: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM & Meet & Greet 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Performance: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM & Meet & Greet 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM*



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Angie Fisher's five-song EP *Searching for Angie Fisher* is arguably one of R&B's most relatable sets in years. The powerhouse vocalist who scored a Best Traditional R&B Performance Grammy® nomination for her 2014 debut hit "I.R.S." and is currently co-starring in the *Love Jones: The Musical* stage play, sings anthems about debt, independence and finding love over tracks helmed by some of the music business' most noted producers. Fisher's full-length album is slated for release in 2017.

### **Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017**

#### **Jon B**

*1<sup>st</sup> Performance: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM & Meet & Greet 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Performance: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM & Meet & Greet 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM*

Jon B is a consummate artist, an accomplished musician and noted songwriter and producer with several gold and platinum records under his belt. His is a richly textured body of music, a testament to one man's love for all things soul. His debut album "Bonafide" went platinum and he was nominated by the Grammys for Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals for the single, "Someone to Love." His sophomore effort "Cool Relax" also went platinum and earned him multiple Billboard Music Award nominations including Top R&B Artist, Top Hot R&B Single for "They Don't Know/ Are U Still Down," Top Hot R&B Singles Artist and a Soul Train Music Award nomination for Best Male Single. "Are U Still Down" featuring the legendary Tupac Shakur collaborating with Jon in the studio, before his death in 96. Jon also solidified his production sound with a collaboration with Jay Z and Coko (from SWV) featured on the "Hav Plenty sound track. Continuing to produce his third album "Pleasures U like" featuring some of R&B and Hip Hop's heavy weights, Faith Evan's, Nas, Az, and Cuban Link, as well as the successful single "Don't Talk" which Jon wrote and produced himself. In 2016, Jon embarked on a joint venture with Warryn Campbell "Mr. Goodnight" set for 2017 release.

### **Friday, Feb. 17, 2017**

#### **Krystal Metcalfe**

*Performance: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM & Meet & Greet 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM*

Chicago-based Rock and Soul artist, Krystal Metcalfe is a native of St. Louis, MO. Krystal's passion for music began at a very young age. Her main influences include Soul singer Aretha Franklin, and powerhouse Chaka Khan. With much discipline and practice, she's acquired the ability to skillfully cross-pollinate Rock 'n' Soul with Musical Theatre to create her own unique sound. Her recent release of her EP "In Real Life" earned her a feature in the Chicago Tribune, several appearances on ABC7's Windy City Live, as well as a new artist spotlight in Jet magazine. Krystal was named one of the Redeye's "Top 15 Chicago artist to watch for 2015". Krystal has opened for artist's Nick Waterhouse, Avery Sunshine, & Liv Warfield.

### **Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017**

#### **Syleena Johnson**

*1<sup>st</sup> Performance: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM & Meet & Greet: 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Performance: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM & Meet & Greet 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM*



## P R E S S   I N F O R M A T I O N

Grammy-nominated vocalist and songwriter Syleena Johnson is one of the greatest singers and performers of her generation. She has scored major R&B hits and been invited to collaborate with the likes of Kanye West, R. Kelly and Musiq Soulchild. Syleena now steps forward with her most anticipated album to date *Chapter 6: Couples Therapy*, which was released on the Blackbyrd label. *Couples Therapy* is the sixth chapter in her collection of blues and soul-inspired concept albums. (The album hit #15 on the Billboard R&B Chart.) This powerful new recording takes us back to the Chicago native's roots and caters to a more traditional R&B style. Syleena Johnson is also a popular television personality. She's one of the original cast members the TV One hit reality series *R&B Divas Atlanta*. A superstar that has always shined brightly, Syleena Johnson is poised to conquer the entertainment industry and the world.

**Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017**

### **The Moe Fitz Project**

*Performance: 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM & Meet & Greet: 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM*

Maurice Fitzgerald began playing bass on a professional level at the age of 18 and has maintained a diverse professional career for 20 plus years, playing with contemporary jazz greats such as Ramsey Lewis and Brian Culbertson, as well as gospel greats such as Donnie McClurkin and CeCe Winans. Fred Hammond Marvin Sapp Andrae Crouch. His work has circled the globe in concert tours with Beyoncé Knowles, Destiny's Child, Brian Culbertson and Ramsey Lewis and currently touring with the legendary Isley Brothers.

The Lexus Listening Lounge takes place at the Lexus exhibit of the 2017 Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place. Information about admission tickets, directions and parking is available at [www.chicagoautoshow.com](http://www.chicagoautoshow.com).

### **About Lexus**

Lexus launched in 1989 with two luxury sedans and a commitment to pursue perfection. Since that time, Lexus has expanded its line-up to meet the needs of global luxury customers. Lexus is now going beyond its reputation for high quality vehicles with the integration of innovative technology, emotional exterior and interior designs, and engaging driving dynamics and performance. With five models incorporating Lexus Hybrid Drive, Lexus is the luxury hybrid leader. Lexus also offers seven F SPORT models and two F performance models. In the United States, Lexus vehicles are sold through 236 dealers who are committed to exemplary customer service.

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