



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
Paul Bertling (262) 373-5034

Email: pbertling@wilson-center.com
Visit our website at: wilson-center.com

Wilson Center Welcomes the Miles Davis Experience

Brookfield, WI (September 13, 2011) On Saturday, October 8, 2011, 8:00 pm The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts introduces the collaboration with Blue Note records featuring the Ambrose Akinmusire Quintet, *The Miles Davis Experience*. This new immersive musical production recaptures the sound and the historical and cultural context of this critical period of American history through the lens of jazz music and its most iconic innovator, Miles Davis. The Ambrose Akinmusire Quintet will stay close to Davis' sound and feel, culminating in his masterpiece and commercial breakout *Kind of Blue*. Historical images of performances, recording sessions, and candid photos of Miles will be used as integral backdrops at the concert.

Tickets are \$57-\$29; groups of 10 or more \$46-\$25. For more information or tickets call (262) 781-9520 or visit wilson-center.com.

Miles Davis. The name alone has become synonymous with jazz music and its place in popular culture, notably the prolific years of 1949-1959, starting with *Birth of the Cool*. To commemorate these momentous years in jazz and Davis' career, CAMI Music has joined forces with Miles Davis Properties, LLC and Blue Note Records for an innovative music and historical production, *The Miles Davis Experience: 1949-1959*.

Through the lens of jazz music and one of its most iconic innovators, The Miles Davis Experience: 1949-1959 will recapture this critical period of American history through a historical and cultural context. Led by Blue Note Records artist and trumpeter, Ambrose Akinmusire, the immersive performance will follow

-more-

Miles' musical development in linear chronology, telling of the challenges and optimism in post-war America, civil rights struggle, historical milestones and the creative cauldron of new music that Miles pioneered and nurtured.

From *Birth of the Cool* to 1959's enormously influential masterpiece *Kind of Blue*, Miles secured his legendary status in music history. *Kind of Blue* stands as the best selling jazz album of all time with over 4 million copies sold and in December 2009 the US House of Representatives recognized Miles' musical influence, passing a resolution honoring the album as a national treasure.

More than just a musical performance, the show will feature iconic era images brought together by beat poet-style narrator and actor, Donald Lacy. Akinmusire will be joined by the Ambrose Akinmusire Quintet, featuring Walter Smith III (tenor sax), Sam Harris (piano), Harish Raghavan (bass) and Justin Brown (drums.) The special performance at the Wilson Center will reintroduce Miles to fans and give a new generation of music lovers a more complete understanding of jazz and Miles' influence on today's popular music.

Attention Calendar Editors

The Miles Davis Experience

A collaboration with Blue Note Records featuring the Ambrose Akinmusire Quintet

Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield

Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 pm

A new immersive musical production, *The Miles Davis Experience* recaptures the sound and the historical and cultural context of this critical period of American history through the lens of jazz music and its most iconic innovator, Miles Davis. Tickets are \$57-\$29; groups of 10 or more \$46-\$25. (262) 781-9520 or wilson-center.com

The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary cultural arts center that offers performances by regional and touring groups, arts education, and an art gallery with changing exhibits. The Center nurtures lifelong learning through innovative programs and classes for all interests, ages, and abilities in state-of-the-art studios and classrooms. Some of Southeast Wisconsin's finest arts organizations offer professional instruction at the Wilson Center, including Danceworks, Inc., First Stage Theater Academy, and the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Wisconsin fine artists are showcased at the Hidden River Art Festival, September 17-19, and in the Ploch Art Gallery with five exhibitions each year. **The Wilson Center for the Arts is just minutes west of Milwaukee, nestled in Brookfield's Mitchell Park south of 198th & Capitol Drive. For information about the Wilson Center call (262) 781-9470.**