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### **Grammy-Winner India.Airie Coming to Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Aug. 16**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA -- Garnering seven Grammy nominations for her debut "Acoustic Soul" release, which sold over 2.5 million copies, Cal Poly Arts is pleased to announce that neo-soul singer/songwriter India.Arie will perform at the Christopher Cohan Center on Saturday, August 16, at 8 p.m.

Arie is the final artist to be signed for the new Cal Poly Arts Center Stage Summer series. Her latest tour is in support of her highly-popular new release, "Voyage to India."

Says Cal Poly Arts director Ralph Hoskins, "India.Arie is going to enjoy an enduring success and our audiences will have a chance to share in it this summer."

With her unique style of folk, blues, and modern pop blended with incisive lyrics, India.Arie is at the center of the artistic new R&B world. According to veteran music legend Stevie Wonder, "A gentle genius lives in the mind, voice, and hands of this woman."

Arie has become known for writing with originality and intimacy, joining the ranks of such singular talents as Mary Chapin Carter and Lucinda Williams. Says the young performer, "I think music has the ability to heal, the ability to destroy, to teach. It's like pure energy that lives forever."

Arie joins the celebrity summer series, which includes parody king "Weird Al" Yankovic and his all-new "Poodle Hat Tour" on Sunday, June 22; a greatest hits concert with soulful pop-rocker Joe Cocker on Tuesday, August 26; cool jazz maestro Dave Brubeck headlining An Evening With Dave Brubeck, featuring the Dave Brubeck Quartet, on Friday, August 29; and premier Broadway vocalist Audra McDonald in a dazzling evening of American standards and new Broadway music on Friday, September 12.

Tickets for India.Arie are \$44 and \$48 and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088.

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