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Rising Star of Afro-Punk: Janelle Monáe Live at Royce Hall May 14

*"Her sound is like none other—so fresh, so new
and at the same time, very familiar."
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LOS ANGELES—**Janelle Monáe**—the avant-garde, Afro-punk singer who has been captivating audiences with her distinct style and dynamic stage presence— comes to **Royce Hall** with an opening performance by the **Elevators** on May 14 at 8 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday, April 27 for the concert, which is presented by the **Student Committee for the Arts at UCLA**. Tickets are available from UCLA's Central Ticket Office 310-825-2101 and at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Janelle Monáe has won the praise of her peers (including Sean "Diddy" Combs and Big Boi, with whom she collaborated on Outkast's "Idlewild") and critics championed the groundbreaking sound of her first three albums, "The Audition," "Metropolis: The Chase Suite" and "Metropolis: Suite I of IV." "Many Moons," the single off her most recent album, was nominated for a Grammy in the urban/alternative category. After this year's SXSW music festival, she will be touring with No Doubt on select dates and will be on the bill for this year's Bonnaroo festival. A complete recording of all the "Metropolis" suites is scheduled to come out later this year on Wondaland Arts Society/Bad Boy Records.

The eclectic sound of opening band the Elevators is a reflection of their diverse music influences: from Crosby, Stills, Nas and Young, to Hip-Hop group Wu-Tang Clan. All UCLA



alumni, the Elevators have built a wide fan base in Los Angeles and their popularity has grown with performances at West Hollywood's Crown Bar and an on-air appearance on KPFK. Their debut album "Rising," which showcases both bluesy ballads and funk anthems, is currently available on iTunes.

Tickets for Janelle Monáe are **free** for UCLA students, **\$15** for students of other universities, and **\$20** for the general public. They can be purchased online at www.cto.ucla.edu, via phone at **310-825-2101**, in person at the **UCLA Central Ticket Office** or at any Ticketmaster outlet. The CTO windows are located in the James West Alumni Center and are open Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. UCLA students must pick up their free tickets in advance at CTO with a valid student ID card.