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Smooth Jazz Favorite Pieces of a Dream to Appear at High Point Theatre

In the forefront of jazz for three decades, this always-appealing band brings its signature sound to the Triad for one night only.

High Point, North Carolina, April 17, 2010 – In the jazz world, the pace of change is pretty quick, with new sounds and styles advancing and receding like the ocean tides. So it's pretty common for a band to find itself crashing on scene one day and washed up on the shores of obscurity the next. Much rarer are the groups that hang in for the long haul, gifted musical collectives that continue to explore and evolve, album after album, year after year, decade after decade, shunning superficial fashions as they work to craft a signature sound with enduring appeal.

Pieces of a Dream is one of those rare groups. Emerging out of Philadelphia's music scene in 1976, they entered their third decade with a string of jazz hits in their wake that stretches from the 2000s all the way back to the early 1980s. Over the course of their careers, they have defined the essence of smooth jazz with songs such as "Warm Weather," "Mount Airy Groove" and "Fo Fi Fo," as well as a number of chart-topping albums. Their 2001 release, "Acquainted with the Night," generated two top-five singles on R&R's NAC list. The follow up album "Love's Silhouette" earned a place on *Billboard's* Contemporary Jazz Top 10, and in 2004, "No Assembly Required" garnered the group hit album status for the third time in five years.

Taking inspiration from the full range of jazz expressions and blending in R&B, funk, hip hop and house influences, Pieces of a Dream creates an innovative and eclectic musical mix that's always fresh and truly authentic. "We will always be true to ourselves and our roots," says the band's longtime leader, James Lloyd, "and at the same time try to stay in touch with the times."

For an evening of smooth jazz excellence that has stood the test of time, be sure to make your way to the High Point Theatre on Saturday, May 22. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 orchestra, \$20 balcony, available through www.highpointtheatre.com or at the box office.

About High Point Theatre

Owned and operated by the City of High Point, the High Point Theatre is conveniently located within the International Home Furnishings Center at the corner of Commerce and Hamilton Streets in High Point. The Theatre features an elegant 965-seat auditorium with continental style seating and three exhibition galleries for meetings, display, or receptions.

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