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ARTSFUND & THE SEATTLE MARINERS ANNOUNCE 4th ANNUAL ARTS NIGHT AT SAFECO FIELD Tickets now on sale for June 28, 2016

Seattle, WA – For the fourth year in a row, **ArtsFund** and the **Seattle Mariners** are teaming up for **Arts Night at Safeco Field** on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

The Seattle Mariners will host the **Pittsburgh Pirates** in a game beginning at 7:10pm. ArtsFund will sponsor arts elements throughout the evening, including pre-game performances at the gates beginning at 5:10pm by the **Centerpiece Jazz Band** (**Music Center of the Northwest**) and by the **All-Girls Jazz Combo** of **Seattle JazzED**. **James Moore**, Principal Dancer at **Pacific Northwest Ballet**, will throw the Group First Pitch at approximately 6:50pm. The singing of the national anthem will be by **Sarah Rose Davis**, a performer with the **5th Avenue Theatre**. In addition, there will be an **Arts Zone** on the main concourse, where patrons can overlap with representatives from a dozen of the region's arts organizations and learn about how to get involved with the work they are doing. The Arts Zone is located on the 100-level above the bullpens (near sections 182-187), and will be open until the 4th inning.

ArtsFund President & CEO Mari Horita stated, "Arts Night is always a fun opportunity to celebrate all that makes this region special. The arts and sports make our community stronger - it's a great night to cheer for both!"

Kevin Mather, Mariners President and COO, added, "In a major public art installation housed throughout Safeco Field, the works of talented Northwest artists deepen the connection between the two worlds of arts and sports, and the accessibility of the installations encourages fans to view the art, the ballpark and the game of baseball in new ways. The Seattle Mariners are proud to partner with ArtsFund to bring Arts Night to Safeco Field, and to further celebrate the arts with all our fans."

Discounted tickets on the main and view levels can be purchased at <u>mariners.com/arts</u>, or for groups of 20 or more, at (206) 346-4519. Groups purchasing 20 or more tickets will have their name featured on the scoreboard following the fourth inning. A portion of tickets sold through the Arts Night offer goes to support ArtsFund, a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the community by supporting the arts.

The first 1000 Arts Night fans who redeem their tickets onsite will receive a specially designed Arts Night Drawstring Backpack.

Arts Night 2016 is sponsored by Microsoft and Orrick.

Additional arts elements continue to be added to the roster. For more information and updates, visit: http://www.artsfund.org/events/fourth-annual-arts-night-at-safeco-field

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