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America's Got Talent's Mandy Harvey returns to the Carpenter Center
The deaf singer songwriter has a new tour with the same powerful vocals and message

LONG BEACH, California — Fresh off *America's Got Talent*, jazz-vocalist Mandy Harvey returns to the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the campus of Cal State Long Beach for the second time on January 31 and February 1, 2018. Part of the Carpenter Center's Cabaret Series, Harvey slides from breathy jazz standards and growling blues to inspiring originals while she interprets using American Sign Language—a reminder to the audience that she cannot hear her own voice.

Harvey had dreams of becoming a choir director, but when she lost her residual hearing at age eighteen due to a connective tissues disorder that dream came to an end. Less than two years later, Harvey returned to music. By performing barefoot so she could feel the tempo from the drum and base vibrations, and using the muscle memory of her perfect pitch, Harvey began to sing again. Harvey started performing throughout the country reaching national attention when she became a finalist on *America's Got Talent* in 2017.

Harvey has three albums to date *Smile* (2009), *After You've Gone* (2010) and *All of Me* (2014), with her original songs "Try" and "This Time" winning praise for their timelessness. Along with her live performances and record career she released her first book, *Sensing The Rhythm, Finding My Voice In a World Without Sound* in September 2017 and is helping others to pursue their hopes and dreams as an Ambassador for No Barriers USA. Executive Director, Megan Kline Crockett says that, "Mandy's presence here on campus resonates with our inclusive community. Mandy is an outstanding artist and she brings with her an important message of breaking down barriers and achieving dreams."

Single tickets for Mandy Harvey start at \$45 without dinner and \$70 with dinner. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3-FM.

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