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Skirball Cultural Center presents
BILL FRISELL: WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR
Frisell and friends perform classic film and television music

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 8:00 p.m.
Early-bird pricing through February 11, 9:00 a.m.: \$30 General | \$25 Skirball Members | \$20 Full-Time Students
FREE parking
Tickets available on site, online at skirball.org/bill-frisell,
or by phone at (877) SCC-4TIX

"[Frisell's] signature guitar sound can alternately sting or soothe in a gorgeous and unique mix of rustic Americana and slow-boiling jazz"
—*Los Angeles Times*

LOS ANGELES, CA—The Skirball Cultural Center presents virtuoso jazz guitarist and composer [Bill Frisell](#) performing selections from iconic film and television scores on Thursday, February 25, at 8:00 p.m. Joined by violist **Eyvind Kang**, bassist **Thomas Morgan**, drummer **Kenny Wollesen**, and singer **Petra Haden**, Frisell performs tracks from his upcoming album *When You Wish upon a Star*, which reimagines time-honored gems such as "When You Wish upon a Star," "Somewhere over the Rainbow," the themes from *Once upon a Time in the West* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, as well as music from television hits like *The Dick Van Dyke Show* and *The Honeyymooners*.

Scheduled for release on January 29, Frisell's new album was conceived not only as an homage to classic film and television music, but also as a celebration of music making with longtime friends and their shared commitment to crafting innovative and refined interpretations of beloved material. *When You Wish upon a Star* brings together a "dream team" of Frisell's frequent collaborators: violist Eyvind Kang, drummer Rudy Royston, bass player Thomas Morgan, and vocalist Petra Haden. Describing their unique process for the project, Frisell says that the musicians began by listening to as many versions of the pieces as possible, followed by total immersion in the original scores and hours of practice. "Finally, when it's in the blood," he says, the musicians are ready to deliver their interpretations. The overall result of these interpretations is a highly evocative musical landscape that breathes new life into timeless classics.

Frisell has been one of the most prolific and versatile guitarists in jazz since the late 1980s. Known for his eclectic musical stylings, which touch upon classical music, progressive folk, and country music, he has released more than 40 albums and has received numerous awards, including a GRAMMY Award for Best Contemporary Jazz Album for his LP *Unspeakable*. His most recent album, *Guitar in the Space Age!*, received a GRAMMY Award nomination for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album. Over the years, Frisell has contributed to the work of many notable musicians and ensembles—including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Bono, Brian Eno, Elvis Costello, Lucinda Williams, Bonnie Raitt, Ginger Baker, and John Scofield—establishing himself as one of the most sought-after guitarists in contemporary music.

For more information about programs at the Skirball, call (310) 440-4500 or visit skirball.org.

About the Skirball

The Skirball Cultural Center is dedicated to exploring the connections between 4,000 years of Jewish heritage and the vitality of American democratic ideals. It welcomes and seeks to inspire people of every ethnic and cultural identity. Guided by our respective memories and experiences, together we aspire to build a society in which all of us can feel at home. The Skirball Cultural Center achieves its mission through educational programs that explore literary, visual, and performing arts from around the world; through the display and interpretation of its permanent collections and changing exhibitions; through an interactive family destination inspired by the Noah's Ark story; and through outreach to the community.

Visiting the Skirball

The Skirball Cultural Center is located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049. Museum hours: Tuesday–Friday 12:00–5:00 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; closed Mondays and holidays. Admission to exhibitions: \$10 General; \$7 Seniors, Full-Time Students, and Children over 12; \$5 Children 2–12. Exhibitions are always free to Skirball Members and Children under 2. Exhibitions are free to all visitors on Thursdays. For general information, the public may call (310) 440-4500 or visit skirball.org. The Skirball is also home to Zeidler's Café, which serves innovative California cuisine in an elegant setting, and Audrey's Museum Store, which sells books, contemporary art, educational toys, jewelry, and more.

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