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**“A ROCK SYMPHONY” PAYS TRIBUTE TO MUSIC MEMORIES - THE LAST TO FADE WITH ALZHEIMER’S**

**PITTSBURGH, PA – AUGUST 30, 2016** – 21Voices co-founder and veteran entertainer, Tom Kurlander, remembers the devastating toll Alzheimer’s took on his mother and he vowed to give a voice to the powerless effects this disease has on those afflicted, their loved ones and the strain on our societal resources. Alzheimer’s robs people memory by memory, but music memories are often the last to fade, so Kurlander teamed up with Pittsburgh composer, Kyle Simpson, to create “A Rock Symphony”. This unique event will take the audience on a journey down musical memory lane where classical meets rock n’ roll in a live music performance and motion picture experience.

“A Rock Symphony” kicks off fundraising efforts for 21Voices, which aims to drive awareness, understanding and compassion to serious social and health issues like Alzheimer’s disease through the power and scope of film, music, art and media. Funds will go directly to the production of *21Voices: Touched by Alzheimer’s*, a ground-breaking documentary that will feature twenty-one interviewees, each chosen for their distinct purview and experience with Alzheimer’s and dementia, including patients, families, caretakers, first responders and researchers.

“This symphony is a rewarding outlet for me to apply my musical and cinematic talents to shine a light on Alzheimer’s, which is affecting 5.4 million Americans this year alone,” said 21Voices co-founder and “A Rock Symphony” writer, Tom Kurlander.

The public will have two opportunities to enjoy “A Rock Symphony”:

**October 22, 2016/ 7 p.m. start at The Oaks Theater in Oakmont, PA**

AND

**November 12, 2016/ 7 p.m. start at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in Cranberry Twp., PA**

**TICKETS:** \$45/Adults and \$10/Students, Available at [21Voices.org](http://21Voices.org)

A special thank you to Presbyterian SeniorCare for being the lead sponsors of “A Rock Symphony”.

***About the Composers***

**Tom Kurlander** is a prolific singer songwriter and recording artist, having recently released *Sugar Burn Sessions*. Tom also tours extensively with his band. His music has been described as “a cross between Bob Dylan and the Rolling Stones.” The multi-talented Kurlander is also a noted documentary filmmaker and actor, appearing in such films as *Kindergarten Cop*, *Young Guns II* and *Flatliners*. **Kyle Simpson** is a Pittsburgh-area composer/performer who played trumpet in the Glenn Miller Orchestra; and has composed music for such ensembles as the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra in Los Angeles, The Count Basie Orchestra, The Janáček Philharmonic in Ostrava, CZ and the NYU-ASCAP Film Orchestra in New York. His compositions have been premiered and featured at festivals in France, Czech Republic, Italy, Croatia and North America. In 2011, ASCAP named him a “composer to watch.”

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