

**WORLD RENOWNED JAZZ SINGER
KURT ELLING SIGNS TO OKEH RECORDS
WILL RELEASE FIRST EVER HOLIDAY ALBUM IN OCTOBER 2016**



GRAMMY winning, world renowned jazz singer, **Kurt Elling** has just signed a recording contract with **Okeh/Sony Music Masterworks**. His forthcoming album, *The Beautiful Day*, is set to release on October 28, 2016. It will be Elling's first release on Okeh, as well as his first holiday album.

Regarded as one of the world's foremost jazz vocalists, Elling has won every *DownBeat Critics Poll* for the last fourteen years and was named "Male Singer of the Year" by the *Jazz Journalists Association* eight times. Elling has received a GRAMMY nomination for each of the ten albums he has released to date. His most recent works include the full length album, *Upward Spiral* with **Branford Marsalis**, and a live performance of "New York Minute" with the superstar pianist Lang Lang for the upcoming PBS special – *Live from Lincoln Center*.

Elling's rich baritone spans four octaves and features both astonishing technical mastery and emotional depth. His repertoire includes original compositions and modern interpretations of standards, all of which are springboards for inspired improvisation, scatting, spoken word, and poetry.

He is regarded by *The New York Times* as "...the standout male vocalist of our time." *The Washington Post* adds, "Since the mid-1990s, no singer in jazz has been as daring, dynamic or interesting as Kurt Elling."

Of the signing Elling says: "I am very excited about starting a new relationship with Okeh. Okeh A&R head, Wulf Muller reminds me of the late Bruce Lundvall in his enthusiasm for the music and his love for his artists. Wulf has been a friend of mine for years and I know that I will have his full support moving forward - both as an artist and a business partner."

The new album will be supported by a 4-month long tour across Europe and the East Coast, USA.

Sony Music Masterworks comprises *Masterworks*, *Sony Classical*, *Okeh*, *Portrait*, *Masterworks Broadway* and *Flying Buddha* imprints. For email updates and information please visit <https://okeh-records.com/>.

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