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This holiday season! Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, and the rest of the #PeanutsGang in their journey to uncover the true meaning of Christmas in @CBChristmasLive @KimmelCenter 12/20-21. More info @ KimmelCenter.org

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**DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON ON
THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS WITH
A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS LIVE ON STAGE
DECEMBER 20 – 21, 2019**

*THE STAGE MUSICAL CELEBRATES CHARLES M. SCHULZ'S "PEANUTS" COMIC STRIP
AND 1965 TELEVISION SPECIAL,
SHOWCASING THE ICONIC MUSIC SCORE OF VINCE GUARALDI*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 6, 2019) – Just in time for the holiday season, everyone's favorite Peanuts television special comes to life on stage at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater on Friday, December 20 and Saturday, December 21, 2019. **A *Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage!*** celebrates the timeless television classic as the whole family joins Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and the rest of the Peanuts characters in their journey to uncover the true meaning of Christmas.

"We are delighted to celebrate the holiday season with a beloved *Charlie Brown* classic and familiar characters," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "This show is part of our ongoing Family Discovery Series, a collection of family-friendly programs intended to introduce younger audiences to the joy, excitement, and magic of live theater."

Peanuts is among the most popular and influential brands in the world, and Schulz's Emmy®- and Peabody Award-winning story has been a longstanding tradition, warming the hearts of millions of fans

since it first aired on television over 50 years ago. Now, the live stage adaptation of the classic animated television special brings all your favorite characters to life – all set to the original special’s dialogue, as well as the unforgettable sounds of the classic Vince Guaraldi musical score.

A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage! encompasses each of your favorite scenes from the original animated television show, with more fun, more music, and more finding the true Christmas spirit. Inclusion is also a big theme. After the final bow, the show crescendos into a musical celebration as the audience is invited to join the Peanuts gang in singing traditional Christmas songs and carols.

A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage! is part of the Family Discovery Series, sponsored by Santander.

As part of the Family Discovery Series, ***A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage*** is eligible for 3-show packages starting at just \$16.50 per show. Other shows in the series include: ***Baby Shark Live!*** (November 10, 2019, Academy of Music), ***The Rainbow Fish*** (November 23, 2019, Merriam Theater – with a sensory-friendly performance at 12:00 p.m.), ***DRUMline Live!*** (January 10 – 11, 2020, Merriam Theater) and ***Nick Jr. Live! “Move to the Music”*** (February 7 – 9, 2020, Academy of Music)

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS LIVE ON STAGE

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater

December 20, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

December 21, 2019, 1:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$33.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. See www.kimmelcenter.org for more information.

The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region’s diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1 million guests per year and includes the **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, the **Academy of Music**, and the **Merriam Theater**- representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia’s Avenue of the Arts. We are home to eight esteemed Resident Companies: **The Philadelphia Orchestra**, **Opera Philadelphia**, **Pennsylvania Ballet**, **The Philly POPS**, **PHILADANCO**, **The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia**, **The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society**, and **Curtis Institute of Music**. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, we are the region’s most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially-responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and community events, we educate the region’s young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank, is our proud sponsor of the Kimmel Center’s 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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