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@KimmelCenter's FREE, annual holiday celebration "Tuba Christmas" returns to Commonwealth Plaza on 12/15 for 2 shows! Over 100 regional tuba, sousaphone, and euphonium musicians gather to entertain all ages! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT ANNUAL FAVORITE
TUBA CHRISTMAS,
FREE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS EVENT
FEATURING OVER 100 REGIONAL MUSICIANS
TWO SHOWS – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 6, 2019) – One of the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' most popular annual holiday events, *Tuba Christmas* returns to the Commonwealth Plaza on Sunday, December 15, 2019, for two performances at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Attendees are invited to experience over 100 regional tuba, sousaphone, and euphonium musicians coming together to put on a show for all ages, covering recognizable and cherished holiday classics. 2019 marks the 46th anniversary for *Tuba Christmas* concerts and events, which are presented during the holiday season all over the world.

"The holidays on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus mean an array of FREE programming, from our brand new *Gospel on the Plaza* five-concert series, to the *Silent Night Sing-In*, to the annual *Tuba Christmas*," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Our spaces are inviting and the programming is varied, fostering an inclusive space where Philadelphians of diverse backgrounds and religious affiliations can participate in family-friendly seasonal celebrations."

The spectacular *Tuba Christmas* musical experience was conceived in 1974 by Harvey Phillips as a tribute to his teacher and mentor William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day, 1902.

Tuba Christmas is part of the Kimmel Center's extensive FREE programming offered all season long across the Cultural Campus. Designed to reflect the broad and diverse interests of Philadelphia audiences, FREE programming ranges from jazz to Latin music, Broadway showtunes to organ demonstrations, community chat-backs to seasonal happenings. For additional & the most up-to-date information on these FREE events or any Kimmel Center Cultural Campus event, please visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

TUBA CHRISTMAS

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Commonwealth Plaza

December 15, 2019, 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Tickets

This is a FREE, non-ticketed event.

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. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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