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Comedy powerhouse @AmandaSeales delivers a hilarious one-woman performance in “Smart Funny & Black” at the @KimmelCenter on 7/21. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS WELCOMES
COMEDY GENIUS AMANDA SEALES FOR HER INCREDIBLE
ONE-WOMAN-SHOW *SMART FUNNY & BLACK*
AT THE KIMMEL CENTER’S MERRIAM THEATER
JULY 21, 2019**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, June 13, 2019) – Comedian, actress, writer, producer, and more, Amanda Seales doesn’t just make you laugh, she makes a change! The hilarious one-woman powerhouse is bringing her latest show *Smart Funny & Black with Amanda Seales* to the Kimmel Center’s Merriam Theater stage on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. This one of a kind gameshow serves as a safe space for the Black voice and celebrates the many contributions Black Americans have made to history, pop culture, and more! This show is presented in association with Live Nation.

Using her humor, her master’s degree in African American Studies from Columbia University, and her love of games and music, *Smart Funny & Black* brings your favorite funny folks to the “Hall of Flava” to compete in a head-to-head battle of wits that tests their knowledge of Black history, Black culture, and the Black experience. Flanked with a live band, and a turned up audience, each show ends with one guest, literally, taking the “L,” and the other taking the crown and being inducted into the “Illustrious League of Master Blacksperts.”

“This latest show from Amanda Seales is undeniably brilliant both in content and format,” said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “She weaves her unique humor and stage presence with relevant insight about Black culture to

create an accessible space for audiences to share and grow. We are thrilled to have this artist as part of our ongoing comedy series here on the Cultural Campus.”

With an uncanny knack for taking serious topics (racism, rape culture, sexism, police brutality, etc.) and with humor, making them relatable and interesting, she combines intellectual wit, exuberant silliness, and a pop culture obsession to create her unique style of smart and funny content for the stage and screens.

Along with performing stand-up across the globe, and touring colleges doing comedic lectures on everything from sexism, diversity and relationships to black popular culture, this former MTV VJ is a series regular as Tiffany on HBO's *Insecure*; guest starred on *Blackish*; has performed stand up on *Late Night with Seth Meyers* and opened for Chris Rock; is creator/host of LA's hit comedy game show, "Smart Funny & Black" at The Roxy; speaks truth to change via her wildly popular Instagram and weekly podcast, and soon to be book, *Small Doses*; has written/produced/starred in two seasons of her scripted comedy, *Get Your Life*, available on www.Blavity.com; and went viral after articulately and passionately confronting Caitlyn Jenner on issues of race and equality in America, during a live streamed dinner, hosted by Katy Perry, on Youtube.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Bring It! Live*** (July 11, 2019, Merriam Theater), **LATIN HISTORY FOR MORONS Written By and Starring John Leguizamo** (July 19-20, 2019, Merriam Theater), and **Adam Ant: *Friend or Foe*** (September 20, 2019, Merriam Theater).

SMART FUNNY & BLACK WITH AMANDA SEALES

Merriam Theater

July 21, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$34.50. 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,

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