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AMERICAN GIRL LIVE, AN ALL-NEW MUSICAL FEATURING BELOVED CHARACTERS FROM THE WORLD-RENOWNED BRAND COMES TO THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS FEBRUARY 14 – 17, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, December 17, 2018) – Experience American Girl® in an allnew musical, coming to the Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater for eight enchanting performances,

February 14 – 17, 2019. American Girl Live features all-original songs and unforgettable experiences with everyone's favorite, iconic American Girl characters. Audiences are encouraged to bring their own American Girl dolls as they enjoy this brand new show as the American Girls meet new friends and embark on an exciting summer at sleepover camp. As bold tales of bravery and friendship come to life, iconic American Girl characters lend a hand through story and song. Join the campers as they follow their hearts, share their dreams, and learn the power of friendship.

"We are delighted to welcome this adorable production to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus as a part of our growing Family Discovery Series," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "This show not only brings to life multiple generations'-worth of beloved characters, but introduces our littlest audience members to the magic of the arts. The memory-making starts with dolls and books and now comes alive with a full cast at the Kimmel Center!"

American Girl Live is a creative collaboration between American Girl and Mills Entertainment. The original production is currently in development by producer Simone Gianfrancesco (Lifetime's Bring It! Live, Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live, John Cleese and Eric Idle Live), with Sandy Rustin (The Cottage, Clue Live, Rated P...For Parenthood) as writer, and Gina Rattan (Matilda, Billy Elliot, Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella) attached to direct.

American Girl Live is part of the Kimmel Center's Family Discovery Series.

VIP PACKAGES are available for this run.

American Girl VIP Experience 1 – includes premium ticket, exclusive American Girl Live party pack, and reservation for pre-show party that includes special dining experience with a variety of sweet and savory treats

American Girl VIP Experience 2 – includes premium ticket and reservation for post-show photo opportunity

Other upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* (January 22 – 27, 2019, Merriam Theater); *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella* (February 22 – 24, 2019, Academy of Music); *KODO: Evolution* (March 12, 2019, Verizon Hall); Peg + Cat Live! (March 30, 2019, Merriam Theater); and *Paw Patrol Live! Race to the Rescue* (April 5 – 7, 2019, Academy of Music).

AMERICAN GIRL LIVE

Perelman Theater

February 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m. February 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

February 16, 2019, 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

February 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$39.00. 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.

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The 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, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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