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"Balcony Bar @ The Kimmel" is back! Delicious drinks and a beautiful view of Broad Street on outdoor pop-up bar by @KimmelCenter & @GarcesGroup for @CCDSips. #KCBalconyBar

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KIMMEL CENTER ANNOUNCES THE RETURN



FOR SUMMER 2018

Outdoor Pop-Up Bar with the Best Views and Delicious Cocktails Overlooking Broad Street

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, May 21) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, in association with Garces, announces the return of the popular, pop-up bar on the second tier outdoor balcony of the Kimmel Center. Balcony Bar @ The Kimmel will be open for happy hour on Wednesdays throughout the summer **beginning June 6**. The bar is one of the most in-demand locations in the Center City Sips happy hour series. The Balcony Bar @ The Kimmel will be open on Wednesdays from 5–9p.m., featuring Center City Sips specials until 7p.m. Admission is free and beer, wine, cocktails, and select food by Garces will be available (below).

Guests at the Balcony Bar @ The Kimmel will enjoy free WiFi, music, and the best happy hour overlooking Broad Street. The Balcony Bar will be open throughout the season as the perfect complement to your summer evening, whether attending the Kimmel Center's robust summer programming including the 2018 Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA), and Disney's Broadway hit *Aladdin*, or just making the Balcony Bar their happy hour destination.

"We are excited to announce the return of this popular Happy Hour destination on our Campus amid a summer bursting with fantastic programming at the Kimmel Center," said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Center City Sips is a beloved tradition in our neighborhood and we're delighted to join in the fun, offering people great food, cocktails and a beautiful view."

"We are excited to bring the Balcony Bar back to the Kimmel Center this summer," said Chef Jose Garces. "We had a great time partnering with the Kimmel Center to launch this concept last year and are looking forward to serving delicious summer cocktails overlooking the Avenue of the Arts again this year."

BALCONY BAR @ THE KIMMEL PRICING

Center City Sips Pricing (Wednesdays, 5–7p.m.): \$6 cocktails, \$5 wine, \$4 beer and half-priced appetizers.

BALCONY BAR @ THE KIMMEL MENU

Mixed Spanish Olives - Thyme, Orange, Chile
Kettle Chips - House Made French Onion Dip
Smoked Eggplant Hummus - Garlic Lavash, Edamame
Whipped Feta - Za'atar, Crispy Flatbread, Cucumber
Spiced Cocktail Nuts - Chile Spiced Cashews, Peanuts, Pecans
Guacamole - Avocado, Roasted Jalapeño, Cilantro, Cotija Cheese, House Made Tortilla Chips

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Chef Jose Garces' award-winning restaurant located in the Commonwealth Plaza, will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays, and will also feature daily happy hour specials. Guests can enjoy dinner post-SIPS and receive a 15% discount by mentioning the Balcony Bar. The restaurant will have a special summer menu available.

Garces

Garces is a Philadelphia-based hospitality group specializing in personal dining experiences rooted in the rich cultural traditions and culinary vision of renowned Latin-American chef Jose Garces. Taking a heartfelt and creative approach to time-honored recipes and dishes, Garces operates numerous restaurants in Philadelphia including 24, Amada, Distrito, Tinto, Village Whiskey, Garces Trading Company, JG Domestic, Volvér, The Olde Bar, and Buena Onda. The group also operates Garces Events, a full-service catering and event division; the Garces Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to Philadelphia's underserved immigrant community; and Luna Farm, Chef Garces' 40-acre farm in Bucks County, PA. For more information, visit <u>GarcesGroup.com</u> and follow them on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> (<u>Chef Jose Garces</u>), <u>Instagram</u> (Chef Jose Garces), <u>Pinterest</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

The 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 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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