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## **THE KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS NAMED WINNER OF 13TH ANNUAL “BEST OF WEDDINGS 2019” AWARDS BY *THE KNOT***

**Details on spaces, catering, and more available at upcoming  
Kimmel Center Wedding Open House  
Saturday, February 23 at 12 PM in Hamilton Rooftop Garden**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, February 14, 2019) — The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is pleased to announce that the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts venue has been selected as a 2019 winner of *The Knot* Best of Weddings awards, an accolade representing the highest- and most-rated wedding professionals as reviewed by real couples, their families, and wedding guests on *The Knot*, a leading wedding planning brand and app. This is the second time the Kimmel Center has been named a pick of *The Knot* Best of Weddings, following an acknowledgement in 2017. The news comes as the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus gears up to host another Wedding Open House on Saturday, February 23 from 12PM – 2PM in its Hamilton Garden rooftop space. Staff will be present to discuss Kimmel Center Cultural Campus venues, catering, and more.

“The Kimmel Center is absolutely tickled to be named to [The Knot’s Best of Weddings](#) list for a second time alongside our partners at Garces Events,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We relish the opportunity to transform lives daily through the arts every day, through dance, theater, music, and more; however, memory-making is at the heart of what we do on

the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus. Couples, with their families and friends in tow, entrust us with one of the most important days of their lives – and there is nothing better than to give them a wedding worthy of a standing ovation!”

“It’s a pleasure to partner with the Kimmel Center and provide guests an excellent experience through our full-service Garces Events division offering Latin-inspired hospitality in a customizable and unique space for any occasion,” said Chef Jose Garces.

As the Philadelphia region’s most impactful performing arts center, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is home to more than 9,000 seats per night and encompasses the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the Academy of Music, and the Merriam Theater. As a space for memory-making and hosting events, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus boasts multiple spaces in which to host a rehearsal dinner, ceremony, and reception, including the rooftop Hamilton Garden; the elegant & historic Academy of Music Ballroom; the architecturally-stunning Commonwealth Plaza; and the versatile Perelman Theater. Paired with a focused team of Kimmel Center and Garces Events staff, engaged couples are guided through the process of choosing a location, considering the menu, and more.

In 2019, only four percent of hundreds of thousands of local wedding professionals listed on *The Knot* received this distinguished award. In its 13th annual year, *The Knot* continues its longstanding tradition of supporting local wedding vendors with *The Knot* Best of Weddings 2019, an annual by-couples, for-couples guide to the top wedding professionals across the country. To determine the winners, *The Knot* analyzed its millions of user reviews across various vendor categories, including venues, musicians, florists, photographers, caterers, and more, to find the best and most rated vendors of the year. These winners represent the best of the best wedding professionals that a couple should consider booking for their own unique wedding.

*The Knot* has inspired 25 million couples, and counting, to plan a wedding that’s uniquely theirs. With a rich history of providing high quality content and inspiration, *The Knot* makes it easy for couples to connect with and book just the right wedding professionals to create their perfect wedding day. On *The Knot* marketplace, couples can be connected to any of the hundreds of thousands of local wedding professionals across the country. *The Knot* Best of Weddings gives couples the confidence to find and book the best local vendors to bring their unique wedding visions to life. In combination with years of trusted content, *The Knot*’s innovative technology makes planning one’s wedding celebrations easier and more enjoyable.

For more information about *The Knot* Best of Weddings and a complete list of winners, please visit <https://www.theknot.com/vendors/best-of-weddings>.

Individuals looking for additional information on hosting a wedding on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus are invited to fill out the [special events inquiry form](#), attend a Wedding Open House, and/or reach out to an event planner by phone at 215-790-5323. More info is available at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

Wedding Open Houses on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus are FREE to the public and scheduled throughout the season. The next scheduled event is Saturday, February 23 from 12PM – 2PM in Hamilton Garden. For a full list of events and information, visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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### **About The Knot**

*The Knot* is the nation's leading multiplatform wedding resource offering a seamless, all-in-one planning experience—from finding inspiration and local vendors to creating and managing all guest experiences, wedding registries and more. The trusted brand reaches a majority of engaged couples in the US through the #1 wedding planning website TheKnot.com and #1 iOS and Android mobile app *The Knot* Wedding Planner, *The Knot* national and local wedding magazines, and The Knot book series. Since its inception, *The Knot* has inspired approximately 25 million couples to plan a wedding that's uniquely them. Visit *The Knot* online at TheKnot.com and follow on social media: Facebook.com/TheKnot and @TheKnot on Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

### **About 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, in partnership with New Orleans-based Ballard Brands, operates numerous restaurants including Amada, Distrito, Tinto, Village Whiskey, JG Domestic, Volv r, The Olde Bar, Buena Onda, Ortzi at the LUMA Hotel Times Square, Okatshe, Olon and Bar Olon at Tropicana Atlantic City and Amada and Distrito Cantina in the Ocean Resort Casino. 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 [GarcesGroup.com](http://GarcesGroup.com) and follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

### **About 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 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).