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@BillMurray and @Jancello join together for #NewWorlds, their new live show about the value of literature and music, 4/4 at the @KimmelCenter. More info @Kimmelcenter.org

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**ACTOR BILL MURRAY, CELLIST JAN VOGLER AND FRIENDS
JOIN TOGETHER FOR
A LIVE SHOWCASE OF THEIR THEATRICAL ALBUM
NEW WORLDS
ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
APRIL 4, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2018) – Golden Globe winner **Bill Murray** will join world renowned cellist **Jan Vogler** for their innovative live show of their new theatrical album ***New Worlds***, Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Academy of Music. Joining the pair will be their friends, violinist Mira Wang and pianist Vanessa Perez. Murray and Vogler met during their travels and became friends in New York. Curious about each other’s artistic world interests, the actor and the cellist soon had the idea to work together on a project.

“***New Worlds*** is a program that showcases the core of American values in literature and music,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “This collaboration between the legendary comedian and actor Bill Murray and master cellist Jan Vogler brings a new kind of production to our campus, a show of both beautiful music and iconic literature.”

It is a show that communicates the bridges artists have built between America and Europe. Twain, Hemingway, Whitman, Cooper, Bernstein, Gershwin, and Foster are some of the strongest voices that

influenced generations of humans in America and gave the world a picture of the charm, energy, and creative force of the New World. In 2017, Murray's and Vogler's idea for a joint program celebrated its premiere. The Hollywood star's love for classical music is young and his art of language boundless. All the more reason to look forward to a fascinating encounter between great music and great literature featuring two masters of their art.

Bill Murray, raised in a large Irish family from Wilmette, Illinois, made his first comedic mark on the nation appearing on television in *Saturday Night Live* in 1976, along with his *National Lampoon Radio Hour* pals Dan Ackroyd, Jon Belushi, and Gilda Radner. Murray went on to star in a slew of highly successful comedic films, consistently creating anti-heroes who resonated with an American audience, but also reached audiences the world over. His bold, irreverent brand of humor became emblematic of Hollywood comedies of the 1980s. In 1988, Murray began a long and fruitful collaboration with writer-director Wes Anderson, creating a long list of unique, genre-bending films, including *Rushmore* (1998). His role in Sofia Coppola's 2003 *Lost in Translation* garnered numerous awards including Golden Globe and BAFTA Awards, as well as an Academy Award nomination for Best Actor.

Jan Vogler is one of today's most renowned soloists, praised for his "soulful, richly hued playing" (*The New York Times*). A prolific and multi-award winning recording artist, Jan Vogler records exclusively for Sony Classical. He performs with leading international orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, the Boston, Montreal and Bavarian Radio symphony orchestras, the Deutsche Symphonie – Orchester Berlin, the Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra and the Orchestra dell'Accademia di Santa Cecilia, and collaborates with conductors such as Andris Nelsons, Fabio Luisi, Sir Antonio Pappano, Valery Gergiev, Thomas Hengelbrock, Manfred Honeck, and Kent Nagano.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Brit Floyd: Eclipse World Tour 2018** (April 6, 2018, Academy of Music), **Capitol Steps: Orange is the New Barack** (April 6-7, 2018, Perelman Theater), **Jerry Seinfeld** (April 7, 2018, Academy of Music), **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and Chick Corea** (April 8, 2018, Academy of Music), **Brandi Carlile** (May 18, 2018, Merriam Theater) and **An Evening with Jay Leno** (May 19, 2018, Academy of Music).

BILL MURRAY, JAN VOGLER & FRIENDS: NEW WORLDS

Academy of Music

April 4, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$45.00. 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.

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 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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