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Hilarious host of @ComedyBangBang and Emmy-winning writer @ScottAukerman & special guests will be at the @KimmelCenter's Merriam Theater for a live performance on 11/11! More info @KimmelCenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
EMMY®-WINNING WRITER AND COMEDIAN
SCOTT AUKERMAN AND SPECIAL GUESTS FOR
COMEDY BANG! BANG! LIVE!
NOVEMBER 11, 2019**

**"A rare glimpse into the drafting stage of great comedy, which is sometimes
funnier than the finished work itself."**

- VOX

**"*Comedy Bang! Bang!* is possibly the closest thing there is to a true institution in the
massively fractured landscape of comedy podcasting."**

- The A.V. Club

"Often strange, consistently hilarious, always unpredictable."

- *Entertainment Weekly*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 9, 2019) – With the success of his wildly popular podcast, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, in association with The Bowery Presents, is thrilled to present hilarious, Emmy®-winning writer and comedian **Scott Aukerman** for ***Comedy Bang! Bang! Live!*** at the Merriam Theater on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. This special live performance

features Aukerman and very special guests doing a totally improvised program, with plenty of character drop-ins.

“*Comedy Bang! Bang!* has become a comedic institution in the ten years since it’s podcast inception, spawning a television show and now a live tour,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Known for his quirky characters and improvisational dexterity, host Scott Aukerman’s hysterical antics join a growing list of comedy offerings this season on our Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, from Dena Blizzard, to fellow podcasters Marc Maron and The McElroy Brothers.”

Scott Aukerman got his start as a writer and performer on the HBO cult classic sketch series *Mr. Show with Bob and David*. Since 2009, he has hosted the podcast *Comedy Bang! Bang!*, which has been downloaded over fifty million times and was turned into a television show on the IFC network. Many notable people – including Weird Al Yankovic, Jon Hamm, Aziz Ansari, Adam Scott, Seth Rogen, Ben Stiller, and Amy Poehler – have appeared on the podcast.

He is the co-creator and director of the acclaimed Funny or Die web series *Between Two Ferns with Zach Galifianakis*. The show has featured interviews with dozens of A-list stars. In 2014, the episode with President Barack Obama amassed millions of views in the first 24 hours. The episode won the 2014 Emmy® Award for Outstanding Short-Format Live-Action Entertainment Program. In 2015, Aukerman and the show received the honor a second time for the episode with Brad Pitt.

His other credits include co-writer and co-director of *Michael Bolton's Big Sexy Valentine's Day Special*, and consulting producer on the series *Sick Note*, both streaming on Netflix.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Marc Maron** (October 10, 2019, Merriam Theater), **My Brother, My Brother and Me: *Become the Monster Tour*** (October 15, 2019, Verizon Hall), and **Dena Blizzard: *One Funny Mother*** (October 19, 2019, Perelman Theater).

COMEDY BANG! BANG! LIVE!

Starring Scott Aukerman with guests

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater

November 11, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$35.00. 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 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, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is our proud sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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