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Experience the @DjangoAllstars live as they honor the great Django Reinhardt with a high-energy performance at the @KimmelCenter on 11/3. Part of 2018-19 #JazzSeries. More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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**INTERNATIONALLY-RENOWNED DJANGO FESTIVAL ALLSTARS  
HONOR THE LATE JAZZ GUITARIST DJANGO REINHARDT'S  
STUNNING JAZZ TRADITIONS  
AT THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
NOVEMBER 3, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, September 5, 2018) – **Django Festival Allstars** will bring the music of the legendary “gypsy jazz” guitarist Django Reinhardt to the Kimmel Center’s Perelman Theater on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. This internationally-renowned group, featuring some of Europe’s top musicians, will put on a unique, high-energy performance in tribute to Reinhardt, one of the greatest guitar players of all time. The Django Festival Allstars will honor Reinhardt with stunning flair, blending traditions of his signature gypsy jazz style with their own interpretations, arrangements, and original compositions in what *The Wall Street Journal* calls “the best jazz show in town.”

“We welcome the illustrious Django Festival Allstars to our Cultural Campus, as part of our eclectic yet inviting jazz season, carefully curated to spotlight the jazz art form in new ways,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “This dexterous group of musicians innovatively pay tribute to a true pioneer of jazz, bringing Django Reinhardt’s unique sound to 21st century audiences and continuing his legacy of gypsy jazz.”

The Django Festival Allstars prominently feature one of Europe’s greatest musical families – guitarist/violinist Dorado Schmit and his two sons, jazz guitar stars Samson and Amati Schmit. The band

also features French virtuoso violinist Pierre Blanchard and accordionist extraordinaire Ludovic Beier. In the rhythm section, rhythm guitar player DouDou Cuillerier brings the house down with his scat singing, accompanied by the rhythm guitarists Franko Mehrstein and Antonio Licusati, and Gino Roman on bass.

The Django Festival Allstars perform at top venues across the United States and widely popular festivals such as The San Francisco Jazz Festival, The Playboy Festival at the Hollywood Bowl, The Montreal Jazz Festival, The Kennedy Center, and many more. Additionally, they have been playing their United States home, The Django Reinhardt New York Festival at Birdland, twice a year for 19 years.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***An Evening with Pat Metheny*** (October 3, 2018, Merriam Theater), ***Black Violin*** (October 27, 2018, Merriam Theater), ***August Greene featuring Common, Robert Glasper and Karriem Riggins*** (November 29, 2018, Academy of Music), and ***Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia – A Cole Christmas*** (December 15, 2018, Perelman Theater).

### **DJANGO FESTIVAL ALLSTARS**

#### **Perelman Theater**

*November 3, 2018, 8:00 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](http://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](http://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 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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