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**KIMMEL CENTER ANNOUNCES INNOVATIVE AND
STAR-STUDED NEW LINEUP INCLUDING THE
DELIGHTFUL FAMILY DISCOVERY SERIES
FOR 2018/19 SEASON**

PACKAGES AND SELECT PERFORMANCES ON SALE NOW

Lineup includes Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Rennie Harris, Joan Baez, American Girl Live, Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen, Tom Segura, and the Philadelphia Premiere of National Geographic Live!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, July 16, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is excited to announce a fantastic new lineup to the 2018/19 season including the entertaining Family Discovery Series. Tickets for most shows are on sale now. This incredible lineup joins the already announced Broadway Philadelphia season that includes the Philadelphia premiere of *Hamilton*; and the 2018/19 Jazz Season.

This thrilling new lineup offers something for everyone, from Broadway to comedy, dance to music. Comedian, actor, host, and writer **Hasan Minhaj** will have audiences roaring with laughter in his show *Before The Storm*. The fiery comedian **Kathy Griffin** returns with her *Laugh Your Head Off World Tour* to talk about everything in the pop-culture landscape from President Trump to the Kardashians. Actor

and comedian **Tom Segura** will bring his stand up after two, wildly successful, Netflix specials; and comedians Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley will joke about all aspects of being a mom in *iMomSoHard*. Returning this season is the **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** after a sold-out engagement at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater in 2017. The Kimmel Center's Resident Company **PHILADANCO** will feature works from two longtime **PHILADANCO** resident choreographers, Milton Myers and Christopher Huggins, in the performance *Choreographers on the Move*. **Rennie Harris** also returns in *Funkedified* to celebrate funk music and street dance of the 1970s. The dynamic duo of **AC2: Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen** will offer an evening of unscripted, uncensored, and unforgettable conversation. Black Lives Matter activist and podcast host **DeRay Mckesson** will engage with audiences about culture, social justice, and politics. **Ira Glass** is the creator, producer, and host of the popular public radio show *This American Life*. He will deliver a unique talk and share lessons from his life. Plus, the iconic and world-renowned singer **Joan Baez** embarks on her final North American tour, *Fare Thee Well*.

"The 2018/19 season welcomes groundbreaking new productions and returning favorites to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus," said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Our dynamic programming continues to offer unforgettable experiences that appeal to the diverse interests of our region, including our Family Discovery Series, our long-standing jazz series, the new *National Geographic Live!* speaker series, and much more."

FAMILY DISCOVERY SERIES

The Kimmel Center's Family Discovery Series returns for a fourth consecutive season of family programming to help cultivate the next generation of art lovers through popular and engaging shows for the whole family. The 2018/19 season lineup includes: ***iLuminate**** (September 21-22, 2018); ***The Johnny Shortcake Show**** (October 27-28, November 3-4, 2018); ***Chinese Warriors of Peking**** (November 2, 2018); ***Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*** (December 19-29, 2018); ***The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*** (January 22-27, 2019); ***American Girl Live*** (February 14-17, 2019); ***Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*** (February 22-24, 2019); ***KODO: Evolution*** (March 12, 2019); ***Peg + Cat Live*** (March 30, 2019); and ***Rennie Harris Funkedified*** (June 7-8, 2019). Tickets start at \$9.50 per show and packages are on sale now. Choose three or more shows from our spectacular Family Discovery Series and save 10 percent. ***Single tickets are on sale July 20**

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE!

For the first time on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, audiences can take a deeper look into the wild world. National Geographic Live! is offering three new, exciting shows this 2018/19 season at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater.

Go around the world in search of big cats with award-winning photographer **Steve Winter**. Hear all about Winter's journeys throughout his career while learning about the beauty of big cats and how important it is to save them in ***National Geographic Live! On The Trail Of Big Cats*** (November 1, 2018).

NASA Astronaut **Terry Virts** takes audiences on an experience that's out of this world! He worked on the International Space Station (ISS), where he installed the Cupola module, granting an unprecedented 360-degree view from the station. His photos from the Cupola were later used in the National Geographic book *View From Above* and IMAX film *A Beautiful Planet*. Virts shares those photos with audiences in ***National Geographic Live! View From Above*** (January 17, 2019).

Photojournalist **Cristina Mittermeier** knows the power of water. She has traveled to the far corners of the world to document different societies and how they depend on water, such as the Kayapó people in the Amazon. She documented how that community relied on their local waterway to survive—and found their way of life threatened by a massive new dam. She shares her many stories and photos in ***National Geographic Live! Standing At The Water's Edge*** (May 16, 2019).

BROADWAY SEASON

Of course, our already announced Broadway season includes the hits ***Love Never Dies**** (October 2-7, 2018), ***Roald Dahl's Charlie and The Chocolate Factory**** (November 6-18, 2018), ***Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**** (December 19-29, 2018), and the musical ***Anastasia*** (April 9-14, 2019), will be premiering in Philadelphia during the 2018/19 season. Returning favorites include: ***Fiddler on the Roof**** (October 23-28, 2018), ***Cats*** (June 18-30, 2019), ***Beautiful – The Carole King Musical*** (January 8-20, 2019), ***Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*** (February 22-24, 2019), and the ***RENT 20th Anniversary Tour*** (March 5-10, 2019). Back by popular demand, ***The Book of Mormon*** (May 28-June 9, 2019) returns to Philadelphia. ***Single tickets are on sale July 20**

JAZZ SEASON

Our already announced 2018/19 Jazz season kicks off on October 5 with multi-time Grammy® Award-winning jazz guitarist and composer **Pat Metheny**. He has performed with many eclectic artists such as Ornette Coleman, Herbie Hancock, and David Bowie. The season then explodes with a wide array of jazz artists including ***Black Violin**** (October 27, 2018) described as the “classic boom”; ***Django Festival All-Stars**** (November 3, 2018) with its high energy; ***August Greene**** (November 29, 2018) with its blend of smooth jazz, hip hop and rap; ***Diva Jazz Orchestra*** (April 27, 2019) with its thrilling, big band sound; and the return of our beloved ***Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia*** (December 18, 2018) under the leadership of artistic director Terell Stafford for its annual winter performance. Tickets start at \$27.00 per show and packages are on sale now. Buy three shows and save 10 percent. Buy four shows and save 15 percent. ***Single tickets are on sale July 20**

FREE AT THE KIMMEL

La NOCHE is the Kimmel Center's FREE monthly, Latin music, dance-party experience. The Kimmel Center's own house band, La NOCHE, performs led by Cuban percussionist Arturo Stable and dance leader, Kevin Ngo.

Sittin' In is also a FREE monthly event at the Kimmel Center. It introduces audiences to new cutting-edge artists, drawing everything from straight-ahead jazz to freestyle hip hop and all points in between.

In addition, the Kimmel Center's **FREE PNC Grow Up Great** programs will continue in the 2018/19 season. **Grow Up Great** is for young music lovers, ages 3-5 years old. Each month, **Grow Up Great** introduces children to the vibrant worlds of jazz or musical theater.

Tickets

Tickets to select shows are on sale now. 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 2018/19 Early Season lineup can be found below in chronological order:

HASAN MINHAJ: *Before The Storm*

Merriam Theater

September 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Hasan Minhaj is a comedian, actor, host, and writer. In November 2014, he debuted as a full time correspondent on the Emmy and Peabody award-winning *The Daily Show* (he was the last hire Jon Stewart made). He is currently the longest-running correspondent. In Fall 2018, he will be departing *The Daily Show* for his own weekly show at Netflix, which premieres in October 2018. It has an unprecedented 32 episode order. Hasan is the first Indian American host to front a weekly comedy show. In 2017, Hasan had the prestigious honor of hosting the annual White House Correspondents Dinner in Washington, D.C.

JOAN BAEZ: *Fare Thee Well Tour*

Verizon Hall

September 26, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Joan Baez embarks on her final formal North American tour, *Fare Thee Well*, after an incomparable career producing iconic music. Her forthcoming album, *Whistle Down The Wind*, was produced by three-time Grammy® Award winner Joe Henry (Bonnie Raitt, Allen Toussaint, and others) and includes songs written by Tom Waits, Anohni, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Josh Ritter, Eliza Gilkyson and more. The new music marks the first release from Baez since 2008's Grammy® nominated album, *Day After Tomorrow*.

PAT METHENY

Merriam Theater

October 5, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

One of the brightest stars of the jazz community, Pat Metheny has dedicated time to both solo projects and those of emerging artists and veterans alike. A 20-time Grammy® Award-winning musician, his awards included Best Rock Instrumental, Best Contemporary Jazz Recording, Best Jazz Instrumental Solo, and many others. Known for his versatility, he has performed with a number of diverse artists such as Steve Reich, Ornette Coleman, Herbie Hancock, and David Bowie. Metheny's body of work includes compositions for solo guitar, small ensembles, electric and acoustic instruments, large orchestras, ballet pieces, while always sidestepping the limits of any one genre.

KATHY GRIFFIN: *Laugh Your Head Off World Tour*

Merriam Theater

October 6, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

She speaks! After a year of national scandal and following a sold-out run of stand-up shows and rave reviews around the globe, Kathy Griffin is returning with the much-anticipated North American continuation of her *Laugh Your Head Off World Tour* to the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Armed with the story of the now infamous and controversial photo (yes...THAT photo), the fiery redheaded, award-winning, American comedian is bringing the story of the photo to the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater. She'll talk about the fallout that followed, along with breaking down

everything in the pop-culture landscape from Trump to the Kardashians. Griffin tells all in this more than two-hour, no-holds-barred show in the raw, honest, and engaging way fans have always loved about her.

DERAY MCKESSON

Perelman Theater

October 6, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

DeRay Mckesson is an internationally recognized Black Lives Matter activist and the host of the popular podcast *Pod Save The People*. In this intimate evening of conversation, Mckesson will engage with audiences about culture, social justice, and politics. Named Harvard's Black Man Of The Year in 2016, Mckesson took a stand and documented the Ferguson protests and the Black Lives Matter movement advocating for justice. Mckesson has spoken at the White House, various universities, and multiple politically focused TV shows.

iMOMOSOHARD: Mom's Night Out Round 2

Merriam Theater

October 17, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Performers, writers, and comedians Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley bring their hit show *iMomSoHard* to Philadelphia for the first time. Admitting that being a parent is a hard job, they bring comedy to all aspects of being a mom, from snot to stretchmarks to sleepless nights. Witness the hilarity unfold as they try, fail, and support each other. They laugh about all of the craziness that comes with being a mom and they want you to laugh about it too!

IRA GLASS: Seven Things I've Learned*

Merriam Theater

October 21, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

Ira Glass is the creator, producer, and host of *This American Life*, the iconic weekly public radio program with millions of listeners around the world. Throughout this performance, Glass will use audio clips, music, and video to deliver a unique talk, sharing lessons from his life and career in storytelling.

***Single tickets are on sale July 27**

BLACK VIOLIN

Merriam Theater

October 27, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Black Violin is part of the Kimmel Center Jazz Season. The duo is composed of classically trained violist Wil Baptise and violinist Kev Marcus, who combine their classical training and hip-hop influences to create a distinctive, multi-genre sound that is described as "classic boom." Black Violin has shared stages with top names including Kanye West, Aerosmith, and Tom Petty.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! ON THE TRAIL OF BIG CATS WITH WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER, STEVE WINTER

Merriam Theater

November 1, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Go around the world in search of big cats with award-winning photographer Steve Winter. For the first time on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, audiences can take a deeper look into the wild world. Winter will lead audiences full of explorers from Asian jungles where resilient tiger populations persist, to the Himalaya, home of the rare snow leopard. Hear all about Winter's

journeys throughout his career while learning about the beauty of big cats and how important it is to save them.

AC2: ANDERSON COOPER AND ANDY COHEN

Academy of Music

November 3, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

The dynamic duo of Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen return for their unscripted, uncensored, unforgettable evening of conversation. The longtime friends interview each other and take questions from the audience during this live, interactive, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Worlds collide for this intimate night of deep talks and shallow tales.

DJANGO FESTIVAL ALL STARS

Perelman Theater

November 3, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

The Django Festival All Stars bring the music of the legendary gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt fully into the 21st Century. The unique, high-energy performance pays tribute to Reinhardt, who is considered one of the greatest guitar players of all time. This internationally renowned group prominently features one of Europe's greatest musical families – guitarist/violinist Dorado Schmitt and his two sons Samson and Amati.

PHILADANCO: *Choreographers on the Move*

Perelman Theater

November 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

November 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

November 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

PHILADANCO's *Choreographers on the Move* features works from two longtime PHILADANCO resident choreographers: Milton Myers and Christopher Huggins. The performance will spotlight two pieces from each artist. *Choreographers on the Move* is a tribute to the evolution of each choreographer in their craft, in a time of increased commercialization of dance on television and in pop culture.

TOM SEGURA

Merriam Theater

November 16, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

November 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Actor/Comedian/Writer Tom Segura has quickly become one of Hollywood's most in demand and highly regarded talents. He is best known for his two Netflix specials, *Completely Normal* (2014) and *Mostly Stories* (2010); *Paste Magazine* described him as, "...having a natural and capable storytelling ability, one that lifts his narratives out of average anecdote fare and plants them firmly in hilarious ground." On January 12, 2018 Segura returned to Netflix with his third stand-up special, *Disgraceful*. Filmed at the Paramount Theatre in Denver, *Disgraceful* gives voice to the sordid thoughts you'd never say out loud, with blunt musings on porn, parking lot power struggles, parenthood, and more.

BRIAN SETZER ORCHESTRA'S 15TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ROCKS! TOUR

Academy of Music

November 24, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Rockabilly and swing music fanatics can thank three-time Grammy® Award winner Brian Setzer for reviving the two genres of music in the 80s and 90s, respectably. The iconic guitarist, songwriter, and

vocalist has fronted his 19-piece Brian Setzer Orchestra since its creation in 1994. He has sold over 13 million records, and received the Orville H. Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award for his celebrated career and iconic line of Gretsch guitars. The Brian Setzer Orchestra has released 17 albums since 1994, with their cover of Louis Prima's "Jump, Jive an' Wail" – their only hit on the Billboard singles chart.

AUGUST GREENE

Academy of Music

November 29, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

August Greene is the creation of rapper Common and producers Robert Glasper and Karriem Riggins. The trio became famous after their first-time White House performance of "Letter to the Free," which was part of the Netflix documentary *13th*. August Greene celebrates its self-titled debut album with an intimate evening of outstanding music.

MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER CHRISTMAS*

Academy of Music

December 1, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis is in its 31st year and still drawing sold-out audiences. It was one of the top 20 concert tours in the nation last year. The show will feature the favorite Christmas music of Mannheim Steamroller along with state-of-the-art multimedia effects in an intimate setting.

***Single tickets are on sale July 27**

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATER

Academy of Music

March 1, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

March 2, 2019, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus for a weekend of inspirational performances after a sold-out engagement at the Merriam Theater in 2017. Led by Artistic Director Robert Battle and featuring Ailey's extraordinary dancers, the dance company is renowned for celebrating the human spirit through the African-American cultural experience and American modern dance traditions. The weekend will feature moving performances of exciting premieres and beloved classics.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! VIEW FROM ABOVE WITH NASA ASTRONAUT, TERRY VIRTS

Merriam Theater

January 17, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Sometimes, a little distance is all you need to see things in a brand new way. For astronaut **Terry Virts**, his newfound perspective was from the International Space Station (ISS), where he installed the Cupola module, granting an unprecedented 360-degree view from the station. When he later became the commander of the ISS, he made good use of the Cupola, taking more photographs than any astronaut who came before him. Many of those images were later used in the National Geographic book *View From Above* and IMAX film *A Beautiful Planet*, but to hear Virts tell it, no photo can capture the perfect shade of blue from a sunrise viewed from outer space.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE! STANDING AT THE WATER'S EDGE WITH MARINE BIOLOGIST AND PHOTOGRAPHER, CHRISTINA MITTERMEIER

Merriam Theater

May 16, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Photojournalist **Cristina Mittermeier** knows the power of water: the power to give life when it is respected, and the power to destroy when it is misused. During her time with the Kayapó people in the Amazon, she documented a society that relied on their local waterway to survive—and found their way of life threatened by a massive new dam. In British Columbia, she found First Nations protecting their sacred headwaters, and in Hawaii, a new community of indigenous peoples seeking to reclaim their connection to the sea. She shares her experience in a moving and emotional performance.

The Family Discovery Series can be found below in chronological order:

iLUMINATE

Merriam Theater

September 21, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

September 22, 2018, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Music, art, and the technological magic of iLuminate bring audiences a story of adventure and romance through a variety of different dance styles; from contemporary to popping to breaking. Artists wear illuminated costumes and dance against a black backdrop. The show is perfectly choreographed to popular and classic music by artists like Michael Jackson, Bruno Mars, James Brown, Janet Jackson, Chris Brown, LMFAO, The Wanted, and Sam Smith. This one-of-a-kind fusion of extraordinary lighting effects paired with remarkable dance moves returns for additional awe-inspiring performances.

THE JOHNNY SHORTCAKE SHOW

SEI Innovation Studio

October 27-28, 2018, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

November 3-4, 2018, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The Johnny Shortcake Show is a charming children's musical that is fun for the whole family. Themed around celebrating silliness, the show features soul music for children, teaches important life lessons, and feels like one big disco party. With fun, engaging, and relatable songs such as "Cupcake Tuesday," "Brushing your Teeth," and "Grandma's Whiskers," the show truly celebrates childhood in a way that will have parents grooving and laughing along.

CHINESE WARRIORS OF PEKING

Merriam Theater

November 2, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Chinese Warriors of Peking was founded in 1985, and has received international praise for their groundbreaking acrobatics. Having toured with Cirque du Soleil around the world, the award-winning Chinese Warriors of Peking will perform their most daring and entertaining acts for Philadelphia for the first time.

DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL

Merriam Theater

December 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

December 20, 2018, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 21, 2018, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 22, 2018, 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

December 23, 2018, 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

December 24, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

December 25, 2018, No performance

December 26, 2018, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

December 27, 2018, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 28, 2018, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 29, 2018, 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Discover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life on stage. Featuring the hit songs "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas," The Grinch discovers there's more to Christmas than he bargained for in this heartwarming holiday classic. Max the Dog narrates as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is "two sizes too small," decides to steal Christmas away from the holiday-loving Whos. Celebrate the holidays with the show *The New York Times* calls "100 times better than any bedtime story!"

THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL*

Merriam Theater

January 22, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

January 23, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

January 24, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

January 25, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

January 26, 2019, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

January 27, 2019, 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical is based on the best-selling young adult novels by Rick Riordan. It follows the story of Percy Jackson, a young man who discovers he is a son of Poseidon, a Greek god, and suddenly has powers he can't control. It is an original musical. Music and lyrics are by Rob Rokicki. It is directed by Stephen Brackett.

***Single tickets are on sale September 14**

AMERICAN GIRL LIVE*

Perelman Theater

February 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

February 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

February 16, 2019, 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

February 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Experience the American Girl phenomenon in a brand-new musical live on stage. Featuring the beloved characters and their accompanying stories, *American Girl Live* features original songs that bring the tales of friendship and bravery to life!

***Single tickets are on sale September 14**

RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S CINDERELLA*

Academy of Music

February 22, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

February 23, 2019, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

February 24, 2019, 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella is the Tony Award®-winning Broadway musical from the creators of *The Sound of Music* and *South Pacific* that's delighting audiences with its contemporary take on the classic tale. This lush production features an incredible orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations, and all the moments you love; the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball, and more - plus some surprising new twists!

***Single tickets are on sale September 14**

KODO: *Evolution**

Verizon Hall

March 12, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

KODO explores the limitless possibilities of the traditional Japanese drum, the taiko. An internationally acclaimed performing arts ensemble, KODO celebrates its 35th anniversary with its new show *Evolution*. This performance will feature KODO's best-known works with some of their new material. Since the group's debut at the Berlin Festival in 1981, KODO has given over 3,700 performances on all five continents, spending about a third of the year overseas, a third touring in Japan, and a third rehearsing and preparing new material on Sado Island.

***Single tickets are on sale September 14**

PEG + CAT LIVE*

Merriam Theater

March 30, 2019, 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Based on the hit Emmy Award-winning PBS Kids television show, *Peg + Cat Live* brings favorite characters to life on stage as they perform beloved songs and use math skills to help solve every day problems that arise.

***Single tickets are on sale September 14**

RENNIE HARRIS FUNKEDIFIED*

Merriam Theater

June 7, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

June 8, 2019, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The latest multi-media work of Rennie Harris Puremovement, *Funkedified* celebrates funk music and street dance of the 1970s. Pushing the boundaries of street dance vocabulary, this acclaimed work set against the landscape of a video montage of African American communities, forces the audience to view hip-hop through a different lens, challenging what they think they know about hip-hop dance and culture.

***Single tickets are on sale September 14**

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.

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