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UK '80s band @Erasureinfo makes Philly debut with @reedandcaroline at the @KimmelCenter 7/18!  
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**LEGENDARY ENGLISH POP DUO ERASURE  
MAKE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS DEBUT DURING  
2018 *WORLD BE GONE* TOUR  
JULY 18, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, June 11, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, in association with Live Nation, welcomes the English duo **Erasure** as they stop at the Kimmel Center’s Merriam Theater on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, during their ***World Be Gone*** Tour. The pair, Andy Bell and Vince Clark, best known for their international hits “Chains of Love” and “A Little Respect,” will be joined by special guests Reed & Caroline.

“The iconic ‘80s band Erasure introduced the world to ‘synth-pop,’ and continues to be a fan favorite for multiple generations of music lovers,” said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Our Cultural Campus strives to bring world-renowned artists to Philadelphia. Erasure is a perfect example of that effort as we welcome the legendary band for its Kimmel Center debut.”

Singer-songwriter Andy Bell and songwriter-keyboardist Vince Clark created Erasure in London in the 1980s. Their breakout hit “Sometimes” was the start of their illustrious career. It spent many weeks at number two on the charts. They continued to release albums throughout the 80s and 90s with chart toppings hits, including international songs like “Chains of Love” and “A Little Respect.”

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Men Are From Mars - Women Are From Venus LIVE!*** (June 23, 2018, Perelman Theater), ***Bring It! LIVE*** (July 14, 2018,

Merriam Theater), and **Kathy Griffin: *Laugh Your Head Off World Tour*** (October 6, 2018, Merriam Theater).

**ERASURE – *World Be Gone Tour***

**Merriam Theater**

*July 18, 2018, 8:00 p.m.*

**Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$39.50. 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 2017-2018 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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