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The Geator with the Heater is BACK! Philly music icon @JerryBlavat returns to @KimmelCenter on 1/25, joined by some very special guests for a night of disco, rock 'n' roll, and soul. More info @kimmelcenter.org #GeatorWithTheHeater

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THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS PHILADELPHIA MUSIC LEGEND JERRY BLAVAT FOR A NIGHT OF *DISCO, ROCK 'N' ROLL, AND SOUL* JANUARY 25, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 21, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus welcomes back Philadelphia's most iconic radio DJ, **Jerry Blavat**, to Verizon Hall on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8:00 p.m, for his annual show! This year's show, ***Disco, Rock 'n' Roll, and Soul***, features Jerry Blavat – aka the "Geator with the Heater", aka "the Boss With The Hot Sauce" – along with performances from artists including Gary U.S. Bonds, Peaches & Herb, The Chi-Lites, The Trammps, Bobby Wilson, The Happenings, and a special tribute salute to Johnny Maestra with Tommy Mara and the Crests.

"Jerry Blavat is as much an institution on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus as he is across Philadelphia and beyond," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "He has been delighting our audiences in Verizon Hall since our organization's inception, not only with a show featuring a stellar lineup of top artists, but also with post-show parties in our Commonwealth Plaza that keep guests dancing long after the curtain falls."

Jerry Blavat has been on the Philadelphia radio waves with golden oldies for over 50 years. He gained local fame hosting live dances in the area, which led to his own independent radio show, on which he broke many acts in the 1960s, including the Four Seasons and the Isley Brothers. His career has earned him many accolades including "Best Philly Icon" in a 2018 readers' poll in *Philadelphia Magazine*, as well

as inductions in the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Hall of Fame, the Philadelphia Music Alliance Walk of Fame, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Rachael & Vilray** (December 12, 2019, Perelman Theater), **DRUMline Live** (January 10 – 11, 2020, Merriam Theater), **The Simon & Garfunkel Story** (January 29 – 30, 2020, Merriam Theater), and **An Evening with Bruce Hornsby and yMusic** (March 4, 2020, Merriam Theater).

JERRY BLAVAT: DISCO, ROCK 'N' ROLL, AND SOUL

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Verizon Hall

January 25, 2020, 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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