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Celebrate Jewish contributions to musical theater with “Broadway: A Jewish Legacy”, the third annual “Sing Hallelujah” concert, @KimmelCenter on 3/17! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
THIRD ANNUAL EVENING OF JEWISH MUSIC WITH
SING HALLELUJAH
BROADWAY: A JEWISH LEGACY
MARCH 17, 2020**

**FEATURING LOCAL SYNAGOGUES AND SPECIAL GUESTS PERFORMANCES FROM
STEVEN SKYBELL AND JENNIFER BABIAK FROM BROADWAY’S
*YIDDISH REVIVAL OF FIDDLER ON THE ROOF***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 11, 2020) – Back-by-popular-demand, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presents Cantor David F. Tilman, local synagogues, and community choirs as Tilman leads an evening of Jewish music in the third annual *Sing Hallelujah* concert at Verizon Hall on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

This year’s program, *Broadway: A Jewish Legacy*, celebrates the many Jewish composers and lyricists who have written for the American stage and fundamentally shaped the modern musical as we know it today. For one-night-only, congregations from across Pennsylvania and New Jersey will come together, as they raise their voices in harmony, letting music be the force that brings Jewish communities together. This program will feature 10 area cantor soloists, as well as an ensemble of over 200 singers.

“This special program, now in its third year, unites regional synagogues and enables Jewish and non-Jewish Philadelphians to experience these vocalists in a unique format,” said Anne Ewers, President and

CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “This year’s performance honors the immense impact Jewish artists have had on the American musical theater songbook. Without these iconic visionaries, acclaimed shows like *An American in Paris*, *Oklahoma!*, *West Side Story*, and *Wicked*, among many others, would not exist.”

This year’s performance will feature a special guest presentation from cast members of Broadway’s Yiddish revival of *Fiddler on the Roof*: Steven Skybell (Tevye) and Jennifer Babiak (Golde). Both cast members will be featured singing selections from the show with local choirs.

Embracing a theme of Jewish voices for the stage, the evening will feature the music of luminary songwriters such as George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, Sheldon Harnick, Stephen Schwartz, and Leonard Bernstein. The concert will also give a special tribute to the glorious contributions of Stephen Sondheim in celebration of his 90th birthday.

Sing Hallelujah will be led by music director and conductor Cantor David F. Tilman. Cantor Tilman, a graduate of Columbia College, Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Juilliard School, is Cantor Emeritus of Beth Sholom Congregation and choir director of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel of Elkins Park.

This year’s participant choirs include:

- Adult Choir of Congregation Rodeph Shalom led by *Cantor Erin Frankel, Conductor*
- Beth El Adult Choir led by *Cantor Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Cantor Leon Sher, Conductors*
- Cantors Assembly of the Delaware Valley Ensemble, *Cantor Arlyne Unger, President; Cantor David F. Tilman, Conductor*
- Choirs of the Old York Road Kehillah/Jewish Community led by *Cantor David F. Tilman, Music Director*
- Beth Sholom Congregation
- Congregation Apath Jeshurun
- Congregation Kol Ami
- Old York Road Temple-Beth Am
- Ohev Shalom of Bucks County
- Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel
- Keystone State Boychoir and New Jersey Boychoir, *Steven M. Fisher, Founder and Music Director*
- Kol Shira: The M'kor Shalom Choir led by *Cantor Dr. Rhoda J. Harrison, Director*
- Makhelat Beth Sholom, Temple Beth Sholom, led by *Cantor Jen Cohen and Robert A.M. Ross, Conductors*
- Sharim V'Sharot: People of Song led by *Dr. Elayne Robinson Grossman, Music Director*

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Foreign Tongues by Liquid Loft** (March 11 – 12, 2020, Perelman Theater), **Kristin Chenoweth in Concert: For The Girls** (March 13, 2020, Verizon Hall), **Ethan Lipton & his Orchestra** (March 14, 2020, SEI Innovation Studio), and **Simple Gifts with Organ with The Cashore Marionettes & Organist Marvin Mills** (March 21, 2020, Verizon Hall).

SING HALLELUJAH

Broadway: A Jewish Legacy

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Verizon Hall

March 17, 2020, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$20.00. 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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