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## **KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS AWARD-WINNING SCIENCE PODCAST *THE SKEPTICS' GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE* IN A LIVE SHOW FEBRUARY 1, 2020**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, December 19, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, in association AEG, presents the cast of award-winning science podcast, *The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe*, to the Perelman Theater on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Joined by host and musician, George Hrab, the cast of “skeptical rogues” will entertain with science and a skeptical extravaganza that will challenge the audience’s perception of reality.

“Our Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is a hub for diverse programming that both entertains and educates Philadelphia audiences,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We love bringing podcasts and cult icons to life onstage with panel shows like this and others like the *Tiny Meat Gang* podcast, Paula Poundstone from NPR, and more.”

*The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe* is a weekly science podcast dedicated to promoting critical thinking and science literacy through insightful content and resources. Hosted by Dr. Steven Novella, the cast includes Cara Santa Maria, Jay Novella, Evan Bernstein, and Bob Novella. In their signature dryly-humorous style, the team explains the tenets of skeptical thinking and debunks some of the biggest scientific myths, fallacies, and conspiracy theories. Since beginning in 2005, the show has been one of

the most popular science podcasts on iTunes with over 100 million downloads. Additionally, the team put out the *USA TODAY* bestseller, *The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe: How to Know What's Really Real in a World Full of Fake*.

In addition to hosting *The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe*, **Dr. Steven Novella** is an academic neurologist at Yale University School of Medicine and president and co-founder of the New England Skeptical Society. He is also the author of *NeuroLogica Blog*, a contributor to *Science-Based Medicine*, and a regular columnist in the *Skeptical Inquirer – The Science of Medicine*. Novella is a fellow of the Committee of Skeptical Inquiry (CSI), a founding fellow of the Institute for Science in Medicine and a Senior Fellow for the James Randi Educational Foundation.

Dr. Steven Novella is joined by several co-hosts, who each bring a unique perspective to the conversation. **Jay Novella** is a skeptical activist and science popularizer. Additionally, he produces and hosts *Alpha Quadrant 6*, a science fiction review show. **Cara Santa Maria** is a Los Angeles Area Emmy® Award-winning journalist, science communicator, television personality, producer, and podcaster. Prior to her career in media, Santa Maria taught biology and psychology. **Bob Novella** is a co-founder and Vice-President of the New England Skeptical Society. He blogs for *The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe's Rogues Gallery*. **Evan Bernstein** serves as the Connecticut chapter chairman of the New England Skeptical Society and co-hosts *The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe* 5x5 podcasts.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Grey Rock** (February 6 – 9, 2020, SEI Innovation Studio), **Turn** (February 26 – 29, 2020, SEI Innovation Studio), **Paula Poundstone** (March 7, 2020, Merriam Theater), **MasterChef Junior Live!** (March 11, 2020, Merriam Theater), **National Geographic Live! When Women Ruled the World with Egyptologist Kara Cooney** (March 18, 2020, Merriam Theater), and **Cody Ko & Noel Miller: Tiny Meat Gang – Global Domination** (April 1, 2020, Academy of Music).

### **THE SKEPTICS' GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE**

#### **In Association with AEG**

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Perelman Theater  
February 1, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$44.50. 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 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](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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