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No Gravity Dance Company reimagines Dante's Divine Comedy in gravity-defying performance "From Hell to Paradise" at @KimmelCenter Verizon Hall on 4/20. More info @ kimmelcenter.org #dance

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THE KIMMEL CENTER PRESENTS REVOLUTIONARY NOGRAVITY DANCE COMPANY'S STUNNING, AERIAL, OPTICAL ILLUSION PERFORMANCE *FROM HELL TO PARADISE* ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS APRIL 20, 2019

"Angels and devils clash in spectacular duels. Acrobatic lights, flying actors, souls that fall like leaves in autumn... It could be the description of a painting by Hescher or Bosch, but it's Emiliano Pellisari show." – La Repubblica

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 28, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is thrilled to welcome Italy's awe-inspiring **NoGravity Dance Company** to perform their groundbreaking aerial dance and acrobatics show, *From Hell to Paradise*, in the Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Inspired by Dante's *Divine Comedy* and the wonders of Baroque theatre, the show features gravity-defying dancers and extraordinary effects.

"NoGravity Dance Company's innovative artistry, led by director and founder Emiliano Pellisari, is incredibly powerful to witness," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "In *From Hell to Paradise*, the company masterfully utilizes dance to craft a performance that is a perfect blend of magic, illusion, and aerial art."

NoGravity Dance Company blends various art forms to produce a unique look, combining Baroque & Renaissance movements with aerial dance. In addition to the company's distinctive style of movement & illusions, the show features a non-stop parade of effects and beautiful live music on the Kimmel Center's Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ to provide an unparalleled immersive experience. The music will be performed by organist Alan Morrison, The Haas Charitable Trust Chair in Organ Studies for The Curtis Institute of Music.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **KODO**: *Evolution* (March 12, 2019, Verizon Hall), **Celtic Woman:** *Ancient Land* (April 4, 2019, Academy of Music), **PHILADANCO**: *Dance Philly Style* (April 12-14, 2019, Perelman Theater), **DIVA Jazz Orchestra** (April 27, 2019, Perelman Theater), **The Illusionists – Live From Broadway** (May 10-11, 2019, Merriam Theater), and **Rennie Harris: Funkedified** (June 7-8, 2019, Merriam Theater)

NoGravity Dance Company

From Hell to Paradise Verizon Hall *April 20, 2019, 8:00 p.m.*

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$30.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at <u>www.kimmelcenter.org</u>, 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 <u>www.kimmelcenter.org</u> 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 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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