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Get ready to be Gobsmacked! Mind-blowing A Cappella Group @Gobsmackedshow comes to the @KimmelCenter 2/16. More info @ KimmelCenter.org

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**ALL STAR A CAPPELLA GROUP *GOBSMACKED!*  
PUSHES VOCAL BOUNDARIES  
IN AN ASTONISHING PERFORMANCE ON  
THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, December 18, 2017) – A mind-blowing vocal show and the UK’s latest sensation, ***GOBSMACKED!*** is coming to the Merriam Theater on Friday, February 16, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Featuring the reigning world champion beatboxer, Ball-Zee, and an international cast of world-class vocalists, this new generation a cappella show features impressive beat boxing, breathtaking harmonies, and amazing arrangements of chart-topping songs.

“The artists that make up ***GOBSMACKED!*** are incredibly talented, literally creating entire musical arrangements with just their voices,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “A cappella is just one facet of the diverse programming we present on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus each year, and we’re certainly in for a crowd-pleasing, impressive treat.”

***GOBSMACKED!*** is coming to the Kimmel Center after sell-out seasons in London, Hong Kong, and Edinburgh. This high energy performance weaves an urban tale of love, loss, and redemption using all forms of a cappella, from traditional street corner harmonies, to cutting edge multitrack live looping. With not one instrument to be seen, this show pushes vocal boundaries, delivering a slick musical accomplishment.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds** (February 13, 2018, Merriam Theater), **G3 2018** (February 17, 2018, Merriam Theater), **Brit Floyd: Eclipse World Tour 2018** (April 6, 2018, Academy of Music), **John Prine** (April 14, 2018, Merriam Theater), and **Brandi Carlile** (May 18, 2018, Merriam Theater).

### **GOBSMACKED!**

#### **Merriam Theater**

*February 16, 2018, 8:00 p.m.*

### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$29.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [kimmelcenter.org](http://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 [kimmelcenter.org](http://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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