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Trailblazing #comedian @HannahGadsby will be at the @KimmelCenter's Merriam Theater for her hilarious new stand-up show "Douglas" on 6/23 at 5 & 8PM! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
WELCOMES HILARIOUS AUSTRALIAN COMEDIAN  
HANNAH GADSBY FOR HER ALL-NEW TRAILBLAZING  
STAND-UP SHOW *DOUGLAS*  
JUNE 23, 2019**

**"Introducing a Major New Voice in Comedy... Hannah Gadsby - a riveting New York debut!"  
– *The New York Times***

**"Game Changing." – *Rolling Stone***

**"As uproariously funny as it is profoundly furious." – *The New Yorker***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, May 7, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is delighted to welcome award-winning comedian **Hannah Gadsby** for her new stand-up show, *Douglas*, at the Merriam Theater on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., presented in association with WestBeth Entertainment. The stand-up stage has been Gadsby's home for more than a decade, and the last couple of years have given her a few very new ideas to think and talk about in her first ever US tour.

"Hannah Gadsby delivers a bold brand of comedy, the perfect closer for our varied 2018-19 comedy series," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We admire her ability to utilize humor to address important issues in an accessible way. It is an honor to host her on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus for the first time."

The overnight success of Hannah Gadsby was more than ten years in the making, with her award-winning stand-up shows a sell-out fixture in festivals across Australia and the UK since 2009. She played a character called “Hannah” on the TV series *Please Like Me* and has hosted three art documentaries, inspired by comedy art lectures she created to accompany collections at major galleries. Gadsby has a book in the works with Ballantine in North America and Allen and Unwin in Australia and the UK. Translation rights have been sold in multiple territories.

Hannah came to the world’s attention through her multi-award-winning stand-up show *Nanette*. The show took out the top prizes at the Melbourne and Edinburgh festivals and played to sold out houses across Australia, London, Edinburgh, New York, and Los Angeles, before launching on Netflix in June 2018 as the first Australian Netflix Original Comedy Special, stopping the comedy world in its tracks by starting a global conversation that continues months later.

While *Nanette* was a random barista, *Douglas* is a very specific dog, and the only thing they have in common is they’ve inspired Gadsby to put pen to paper and turn out a show you couldn’t possibly expect. Gadsby found her voice with *Nanette* and with *Douglas* she plans to use it.

#### **HANNAH GADSBY: DOUGLAS**

**Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater**

June 23, 2019, 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$44.75. 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 2018-2019 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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