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**HASAN MINHAJ BRINGS HIS THEATRICAL DEBUT TOUR  
*HOMECOMING KING*  
TO THE PERELMAN THEATER  
DECEMBER 2, 2016**

**Humorist and *The Daily Show* Correspondent Makes Kimmel Center Debut**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, October 20, 2016) — Comedian **Hasan Minhaj** makes his theatrical debut at the Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in *Homecoming King* on Friday, December 2 at 8:30 p.m. *Homecoming King* tells the story of the “New Brown America” and is based on true events from Minhaj’s first generation Indian-American experience. The show focuses on Minhaj’s arrival in the United States, meeting his sister, interracial love, racism, and bullying, and his family’s quest to achieve the elusive “American Dream.” *Homecoming King* is written and performed by Hasan Minhaj and directed by Greg Walloch.

“Hasan Minhaj has been making audiences laugh for years on *The Daily Show* and we can’t wait to see his genius at work in this personal show,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “The topics upon which *Homecoming King* alights are extremely relevant in today’s world and we cannot wait to watch Hasan explore them in his trademark comedic fashion.”

*Hasan Minhaj: Homecoming King* originally opened Off-Broadway in the fall of 2015 as a limited engagement at the Cherry Lane Theatre in New York City. After receiving rave reviews, the show is touring North America. Minhaj is a New York comedian and correspondent on the Emmy®- and Peabody Award-winning program *The Daily Show*. In 2014, he was selected by the Sundance Institute to develop *Homecoming King* and the corresponding feature film at the prestigious New Frontier Storytelling Lab.

As a featured storyteller on the Moth Radio Hour, Minhaj's work has garnered acclaim in film, web, and television. Throughout his career, he has hosted the documentary special *Stand Up Planet*, created a viral web series *The Truth with Hasan Minhaj*, and has been featured in countless publications including *The Huffington Post*, *Gawker*, and *The New York Times*. Additionally, he has made appearances on multiple hit television shows including *Arrested Development*, *Getting On*, and *@midnight* on Comedy Central.

Other upcoming comedy performances on the Kimmel Center Campus include **Lewis Black in *The Emperor's New Clothes: The Naked Truth Tour*** (November 5, 2016, Academy of Music), **The Second City Live: *We're All In This Room Together*** (February 3–4, 2017, Perelman Theater,) **Ryan Raftery is the *Most Powerful Woman in Fashion – The Anna Wintour Musical*** (February 9–11, 2017, SEI Innovation Studio), **Carol Burnett: *An Evening of Laughter and Reflection Where The Audience Asks The Questions*** (April 11, 2017, Academy of Music)

**HASAN MINHAJ**

***Homecoming King***

**Perelman Theater**

*December 2, 2016, 8:30 p.m.*

**Tickets**

Tickets are available now and start at \$45.00. 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. More information at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

**The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**

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