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Grab your friends and get ready for @imomsohard Mom's Night Out: Round 2! A hilarious night out full of real life comedy 10/17 at the @KimmelCenter. More info @kimmelcenter.org

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## **THE HILARIOUS COMEDY DUO OF #IMOMSOHARD BRINGS NEW SHOW *MOM'S NIGHT OUT: ROUND 2!* TO KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS OCTOBER 17, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, September 5, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts welcomes the comedy duo of Jen Smedley and Kristin Hensley for their new comedy show ***Mom's Night Out: Round 2!*** on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater. They are the creators and stars of the hit Facebook weekly series **#IMomSoHard**. Being a mom can be tough, which is why the #IMomSoHard duo is excited to give more moms an opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable night out with friends. This show is strictly 18+.

"Our Cultural Campus continues to be the place to see comedy in Philadelphia, providing a place for conversations, a positive experience, and lasting memories," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Jen and Kristin of #IMomSoHard are taking the comedy world by storm – making real life situations comedic, and giving moms and their friends a night full of laughter."

No one can make moms feel as uncomfortably normal as Hensley and Smedley. With more than 1.5 million followers on social media and 120 million views of their web series in less than two years, the Nebraska natives' blend of honesty and humor resonates with moms and dads alike. One of their most shared episodes, "I Swimsuit Season So Hard," where the moms tried on the summer's hottest/most ridiculous swimwear, garnered over 20 million views and coverage in the world's top news outlets. They

have recently appeared on *The Today Show* and *The Doctors*, to name a few, and they were chosen for People Magazine's best of 2017.

After the moms' first mega-year of touring in 72 cities with their live stand-up show: *Mom's Night Out - Summer Break Tour*, they will be hitting the road again this year with *Mom's Night Out: Round 2!*

"If we learned anything from our first tour, it's that you should never take two families with toddlers in one RV across the U.S. We also learned, or were reminded rather, that women ROCK! Our shows have an audience full of comradery and support. Depending on how far we are into the evening, they can also be full of wine. It's a raucous blast and a well-deserved night for moms who are craving that "recently released from prison"- type of evening." -- Jen Smedley and Kristin Hensley

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Hasan Minhaj: *Before the Storm*** (September 23, 2018, Merriam Theater), **Kathy Griffin: *Laugh Your Head Off*** (October 6, 2018, Merriam Theater), **AC2: Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen** (November 3, 2018, Academy of Music), **Tom Segura** (November 16-17, 2018, Merriam Theater), and **The Second City** (January 30-February 2, 2019, Perelman Theater).

### **#IMOMSOHARD: *Mom's Night Out: Round 2!***

**Merriam Theater**

*October 17, 2018, 8:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$52.50. 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.

#### **About #IMomSoHard:**

Kristin Hensley and Jen Smedley are the comedy duo **#IMomSoHard**. With a hugely popular web series on Facebook, these two best friends – and moms – talk the good, the bad, and the funny about motherhood, friendship, and beyond. The Nebraska natives both have two small children and two regular-sized husbands, so logically, their web series could only take place in a playroom with red wine. Or mimosas. Or chardonnay. A lifetime of teaching, performing, and writing comedy, mashed up with holidays, birthdays, and football Saturdays can only culminate in hilarious, and sometimes too true stories that have struck a nerve with so many parents. Now, after the massive success of 2017's *Mom's Night Out: Summer Break Tour*, this live performance will reflect the casual conversations about motherhood that have made their series so popular. #IMomSoHard is represented by UTA and Management 360.

#### **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

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