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**JAZZ ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA
CELEBRATES THE MUSIC OF
THELONIOUS MONK IN *MONK'S DREAM*
ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
DECEMBER 2**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 18, 2017) — The **Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia** (JOP) will make its triumphant return to the Perelman Theater on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 p.m. The Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia, led by **Terell Stafford** and joined by special guest pianists **Orrin Evans** and **Eric Reed**, will celebrate the music of renowned jazz pianist and composer Thelonious Monk in *Monk's Dream*.

"The Kimmel Center and the Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia share a mutual dedication to celebrating the art form of jazz in Philadelphia," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Touting 17 unique and incredibly talented musicians, there is no better group to pay homage to one of the greats of American jazz."

Under leadership of artistic director Terell Stafford, JOP aims to not only embody Philadelphia's jazz legacy with dynamic performances, but to provide an essential educational component as part of its mission. Stafford is the Director of Jazz Studies and Chair of Instrumental Studies at the Boyer College of Music at Temple University. His synergy with Temple branches out to young Philadelphia students.

The Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia is a non-profit organization affiliated with CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia. JOP is dedicated to presenting the highest quality of jazz to the greatest number of people, designed to preserve, represent, and continue Philadelphia's rich jazz sound and tradition. JOP has quickly become the face of Philadelphia jazz, establishing the City of Brotherly Love as both a nationally and internationally recognized destination for jazz.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Campus include: **Juan de Marcos and the Afro-Cuban All Stars** (January 12, 2018, Merriam Theater), **Laurin Talese** (February 10, 2018, Perelman Theater), **Marsalis & Kun, A Duet of Saxophone & Organ** (February 16, 2018, Verizon Hall), **Regina Carter** (March 24, 2018, Perelman Theater), **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra w/ Chick Corea** (April 8, 2018, Academy of Music).

JAZZ ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA: MONK'S DREAM

Perelman Theater

December 2, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets:

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$30.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at 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 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 kimmelcenter.org.

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