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"The Strings/Keys Incident – An Evening with Joanna Newsom" brings the avant-garde folk musician back to #Philadelphia! Experience Joanna Newsom's unique stylings on the harp and piano LIVE at the @KimmelCenter 9/6 & 9/7. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
ACCLAIMED MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST JOANNA NEWSOM
IN *THE STRINGS/KEYS INCIDENT* AT THE PERELMAN THEATER
SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2019**

"Joanna Newsom is the 21st century's timeless voice..." – NPR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, August 15, 2019) – Avant-garde multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter Joanna Newsom will embark on a national tour, beginning with her return to Philadelphia at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Perelman Theater on Friday, September 6 and Saturday, September 7, both at 9:00 p.m. ***The String/Keys Incident – An Evening with Joanna Newsom*** will feature her emotively beautiful songs in a rare and intimate concert experience by Joanna alone: solo voice, harp, and piano!

"Joanna Newsom's use of voice, harp, and piano is a combination of mastery that is seldom seen in mainstream popular music," said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We're thrilled to kick off this national tour, counting Newsom's distinctive style amongst a full lineup of 2019-20 Kimmel Center Cultural Campus offerings that reflect the diverse interests and populations of the city of Philadelphia."

Newsom was classically-trained on the harp at a young age and began her professional musical career as a keyboardist in the San Francisco-based indie band The Pleasid. After self-releasing two EPs in 2002, she signed to the independent label Drag City where she released her debut album *The Milk-Eyed Mender* in 2004. The album released to critical-acclaim, named “The 12th best folk album of all time” by *NME*, and secured Newsom a dedicated underground following.

In 2006, she released *Ys*, which charted at Number 134 on Billboard 200 and received a 2007 Shortlist Music Prize nomination. She followed with the release of *Have One on Me* in 2010 and *Divers* in 2015. Her song “Sapokanikan” on *Divers* earned her a spot on *NPR’s* “The 200 greatest songs by 21st century women.”

No stranger to critical-acclaim, she is often noted for her unique musical style, sometimes characterized as psychedelic folk, and her prominent use of harp instrumentation. In addition to her solo success in the music industry, Newsom has provided additional vocals for The Lonely Island’s songs “Ras Trent” and “We Are A Crowd.” She has appeared in MGMT’s music video for hit song, “Kids,” and has appeared as an actress in the popular television show *Portlandia* and Paul Thomas Anderson’s *Inherent Vice*.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Eric Andre: Legalize Everything Tour** (September 17, 2019, Merriam Theater); **Adam Ant: Friend or Foe** (September 20, 2019, Merriam Theater); **A Night with Janis Joplin** (September 24, 2019, Merriam Theater); **The Office! A Musical Parody** (September 28 – 29, 2019, Merriam Theater); and **Black Violin: Impossible Tour** (November 8, 2019, Academy of Music).

THE STRINGS/KEYS INCIDENT – AN EVENING WITH JOANNA NEWSOM

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Perelman Theater

September 6, 2019, 9:00 p.m.

September 7, 2019, 9:00 p.m.

Tickets

All available tickets have been sold for this performance. As ticket availability may change, we encourage guests to check the website; if tickets become available, that information will be reflected on www.kimmelcenter.org. If you need additional assistance, please email patronservices@ticketphiladelphia.org. See www.kimmelcenter.org for more information.

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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 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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