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[@JOPPhillyOrg](#) returns to the @KimmelCenter with special guest @JoeyJazzOrgan! Always dedicated to bringing the highest quality #jazz to the stage, this unique performance is on 6/1 in Verizon Hall. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
WELCOMES BACK JAZZ ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA
WITH SPECIAL GUEST JOEY DEFRANCESCO
IN *GET ORGANIZED*
JUNE 1, 2019**

“The band itself comprises some of Philly’s finest musicians, and the most promising part of the evening was how good they sounded on their own...a must-see!” – WXPN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, May 7, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus welcomes the return of the city’s revered **Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia (JOP)** to Verizon Hall in *Get Organized* on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. This year’s soulful performance will feature special guest, four-time Grammy® Award-nominee and Philadelphia native, **Joey DeFrancesco** on the hall’s Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ.

“A Kimmel Center favorite, this year’s Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia performance weaves a dynamic jazz tapestry throughout their impeccable artistry and Joey DeFrancesco’s musical stylings on our ‘King of Instruments’,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus and the Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia remain devoted to the advancement of art education and the development of jazz programming within the city.”

The Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia, a non-profit organization affiliated with CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia, is dedicated to presenting the highest quality jazz to the greatest number of people. Their performances are designed to preserve, represent, and continue Philadelphia's unique, rich jazz sound and tradition. Aiming to become the face of Philadelphia jazz, Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia works to establish the city as a nationally- and internationally-recognized destination for jazz performance.

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 foundation of Joey DeFrancesco's musical roots in jazz, blues, and other musical art forms was born in Philadelphia. Since his emergence in the 1980s, Francesco's music has embodied the traditional art form of organ jazz whilst infusing it with a distinct modern approach that makes his music unmistakably his own. Throughout his impressive career, DeFrancesco has toured with renowned artists including Ray Charles, Van Morrison, Diana Krall, as well as being one of two youngest players ever recruited to tour with Miles Davis' ensemble. With more than 30 recordings under his belt, he has received countless Jazz Journalist Association awards and other accolades worldwide, including being inducted into the inaugural Hammond Organ Hall of Fame in 2014, the Philadelphia Music Walk of Fame in 2016, as well as topping the Critics Polls in *DownBeat Magazine* eleven times over the past fifteen years and the Readers Polls every year since 2005. DeFrancesco also hosts a weekly program on SiriusXM Radio's Real Jazz channel titled "Organized."

JAZZ ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA – *GET ORGANIZED* FEATURING JOEY DEFRANCESCO ON ORGAN Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall

June 1, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting 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 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.

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