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The @KimmelCenter's own Cuban house band La NOCHE will do a special performance for #PIFA2018 on 6/4 at 8:00 p.m. for FREE in Commonwealth Plaza. More info @KimmelCenter.org/pifa

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER'S HOUSE BAND 'LA NOCHE' WILL
DO A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE
PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS
EXPERIENCE ¡LA NOCHE CUBANA!
JUNE 4, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, April 30, 2017) — Get ready to groove to some Cuban beats at La NOCHE! The Kimmel Center's own house band, La NOCHE, led by Cuban percussionist Arturo Stable, will perform a very special show for the Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts (PIFA). La NOCHE is the Kimmel Center's FREE monthly, Latin music, dance-party experience. This special version, *¡La NOCHE CUBANA!*, will also be FREE, and rock the Commonwealth Plaza Monday, June 4, 2018 at 8 p.m. The band will be accompanied by two accomplished guest singers and musicians; Ariacne Trujillo Durand and Yusa Lopez Bridon.

"We are delighted to have the band join us for PIFA 2018 as we celebrate talented artists from around the world," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "With a little help from skilled guests Ariacne Trujillo Durand and Yusa Lopez Bridon, La NOCHE is guaranteed to keep your feet moving all night long!"

Ariacne Trujillo Durand is a Grammy-nominated singer and musician who has worked with legendary names such as Paul Simon, Paquito D' Rivera, Wynton Marsalis, Danny Rivera, Jonny Pacheco, John Scofield, Brian Lynch, Esperanza Spalding, and Savion Glover. Born in Havana, Cuba, Durand began her career as a child prodigy concert pianist before eventually graduating from Cuba's competitive ISA conservatory while working as a singer and dancer at the legendary *Cabaret Tropicana*.

Yusa Lopez Bridon started playing guitar at the age of six, eventually taking up the Cuban tres guitar, piano, and bass. Bridon attended the Amadeo Roldán Conservatory, exchanging musical ideas with contemporaries such as Roberto Carcasses, who has arranged many of her songs. Bridon was also part of the improvising female quintet Quasi-Jazz at the crucible of Cuban music. Now Bridon is admired and known as a highly talented arranger, singer-songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist playing guitar, tres bass, and piano/keyboards in various jazz, rock, and acoustic duo combinations.

Both musicians will accompany La NOCHE for *¡La NOCHE CUBANA!* The Kimmel Center hosts La NOCHE, led by host and dance leader, Kevin Ngo. Guests enjoy drinks and delicious food while listening to La NOCHE and a monthly guest band. *¡La NOCHE CUBANA!* will be a special edition of this FREE monthly event that lovers of Latin music and dance won't want to miss!

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Sittin' In Featuring Who Got The Jazz*** (April 18, 2018, SEI Innovation Studio), ***Jazz Residency Artist Luke Carlos O'Reilly: World Premiere*** (May 3, 2018, SEI Innovation Studio), and ***Jazz Residency Artist Doug Hirlinger: World Premiere*** (May 18, 2018, SEI Innovation Studio).

¡La NOCHE CUBANA!

Kimmel Center's Commonwealth Plaza

June 4, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

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