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Join Joel Hodgson for an experience that is OUT OF THIS WORLD! The hilarious television phenomenon Mystery Science Theater 3000 comes to the @KimmelCenter. Don't miss @JoelGHodgson's final live tour with @MST3K on 10/25! More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS  
AWARD-WINNING TV COMEDY  
*MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000*  
FOR CREATOR JOEL HODGSON'S FINAL LIVE TOUR IN  
*THE GREAT CHEESY MOVIE CIRCUS TOUR*  
OCTOBER 25, 2019**

**"MST3K contains some of the HIPPEST, deepest SATIRE of the generation."**

**- LOS ANGELES TIMES**

**"[Mystery Science Theater 3000 LIVE is] a welcome respite to ESCAPE reality for a few WONDERFUL hours and instead live in the twisted galactic world of Hodgson's mind."**

**- PASTE MAGAZINE**

**"30 years later, that INGENIOUS B-movie spoof is still GOING STRONG."**

**- THE NEW YORK TIMES**

**"The greatest talk-back show EVER made."**

**- WIRED MAGAZINE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, September 9, 2019) – The hilarious Peabody Award-winning hit TV comedy is coming to Philadelphia with the all-new ***Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live: The Great Cheesy Movie Circus Tour!*** On October 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., show creator and original host, Joel Hodgson, and the world’s greatest – and only – movie riffing robots (Tom Servo, Crow and Gypsy) take audiences on an exhilarating rollercoaster ride through some of the cheesiest films ever made at the Kimmel Center’s Merriam Theater.

The live production is exhilarating, nonstop, rapid-fire hilarity, brimming with hundreds of jokes riffing on a “So-Bad-It’s-Good” feature film, plus spirited sketches and songs that turn the stage into a circus-themed party. This will be the last chance to see Hodgson as he celebrates his final live tour performing the unique comedic art form he created.

“*Mystery Science Theater 3000* has amassed an avid cult following over decades,” said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Joel Hodgson created a wholly unique comedic experience, and we are honored to host him for this farewell tour, adding his creativity and humor to an already full comedy lineup for October, including Bianca Del Rio, Cristela Alonzo, Marc Maron, and Dena Blizzard.”

*Mystery Science Theater 3000* has earned its place in history as one of *Time Magazine’s* Top 100 TV Shows of all time and has been revived as a hit show on Netflix. The show won a Peabody Award in 1993, was nominated for two Emmy® Awards in 1994 and 1995, and for the CableACE Award from 1992 to 1997.

The show features main character Joel Robinson (Joel Hodgson), who is shot into space and imprisoned aboard the spacecraft Satellite of Love and forced to watch bad movies while mad scientist, Dr. Clayton Forrester, and his crony, TV’s Frank, monitor his mind. Joel builds a cast of lovable robot sidekicks to help keep his sanity: Crow, Tom Servo, Gypsy, and Cambot. It’s only through their wise cracks, quips, and friendships that they make it through a barrage of increasingly terrible cinema.

In 2015, fans of the show united behind a record-breaking Kickstarter to revive the show for a brand new 14-episode season that premiered on Netflix in 2017. While the next generation cast is led by host Jonah Ray, for this performance, Joel Hodgson is back in the red jumpsuit as Joel Robinson.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Randy Rainbow Live!*** (September 21, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***A Night with Janis Joplin*** (September 24, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***The Office! A Musical Parody!*** (September 28-29, Merriam Theater), and **Marc Maron** (October 10, 2019, Merriam Theater).

### **MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000 LIVE: THE GREAT CHEESY MOVIE CIRCUS TOUR**

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater

October 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$42.50. 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.

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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](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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