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LEGENDARY VOCALIST PATTI LABELLE BRINGS HER SOULFUL HITS TO THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS APRIL 5, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2018) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts welcomes the talented, Grammy® Award-winning singer, **Patti LaBelle** to the **Academy of Music** on **April 5, 2018** at **8:00 p.m.** An unparalleled force in the entertainment industry, LaBelle's name has become synonymous with grace, style, and class. Her effortless ability to belt out classic rhythm and blues renditions, pop standards, and spiritual sonnets has created the unique platform of versatility for which she is celebrated.

"We are honored to welcome the return of the iconic and inspiring Patti LaBelle back to her hometown," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "After more than 50 years of serenading the world, Patti's contagious energy and daring vocals can still pack a house and touch the souls of audiences of all ages."

The Philadelphia born entertainer created her first hit in 1962 as the lead singer of The Bluebells, before going on to receive worldwide acclaim with the trailblazing, genre-bending all-female trio, LaBelle. After going solo in 1970, LaBelle has created timeless songs, fortifying herself as an icon in the music industry.

In addition to her prestigious music career, LaBelle has written five best-selling books, created a successful line of food products, and has starred in her own highly rated cooking specials on the Cooking Channel and Food Network. Her impressive and diverse achievements as an entertainer, businesswoman, and author has garnered her numerous honors including Grammy® Awards, American

Music Awards, NAACP Image Awards, *New York Times* bestsellers, and the 2016 Marian Anderson Award.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Sing Hallelujah*** (March 21, 2018, Verizon Hall), ***Celtic Woman: Homecoming Tour*** (March 22, 2018, Academy of Music), and ***Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and Chick Corea*** (April 8, 2018, Academy of Music).

PATTI LABELLE

Academy of Music

April 5, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$45.00. 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 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 www.kimmelcenter.org.

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