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#Broadway legend @PattiLuPone will perform one-woman-show "Don't Monkey with Broadway" @KimmelCenter on 6/9 aka #TonyAwards afternoon. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS  
BROADWAY LEGEND PATTI LUPONE'S ONE-WOMAN-SHOW  
*DON'T MONKEY WITH BROADWAY*  
JUNE 9, 2019**

**"The reigning Broadway diva of her generation." – *Time Out New York***

**"A masterclass of how to present songs with heart; emotion; and connection... this concert must not be missed." – *Broadway World***

**"A thrilling way to celebrate the career of one of the greatest Broadway divas of our time. Divine." – *Limelight Magazine***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, May 7, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is thrilled to welcome two-time Tony Award® winner **Patti LuPone** for her incredible one-woman-show ***Don't Monkey with Broadway*** at Verizon Hall on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Through indelible interpretations of classic Broadway show tunes by the likes of Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, Jule Styne, Stephen Schwartz, Charles Strouse, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, and Irving Berlin, LuPone explores how her lifelong love affair with Broadway began and her concern for what the Great White Way is becoming today.

“Patti LuPone is, without a doubt, one of the greatest Broadway performers of all time,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “She has portrayed an incredibly diverse range of characters with a distinct style that is entirely her own. This show enables us to continue our legacy of bringing the best of Broadway to Broad Street, not only through touring musical productions across our Cultural Campus, but with an ongoing array of touring big-name individuals.”

Patti LuPone is a two-time Grammy Award winner, a two-time Tony Award® winner, and a Laurence Olivier Award winner, the first American actress to receive the honor. After being part of the first graduating class of Julliard’s Drama Division, she began her professional career with The Acting Company in 1972 and made her Broadway debut in *Three Sisters* in 1973.

LuPone is perhaps most well known for her Tony Award®-winning turn as Eva Peron in the 1979 original Broadway production of *Evita*. In 2018, she gave an incredible performance of the classic “Don’t Cry for Me Argentina,” at the Grammy Awards, in tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber.

She won her second Tony Award® for Best Lead Actress in a Musical in 2008 for her role in *Gypsy: A Musical Fable*. She has garnered a total of seven Tony Award® nominations. She earned her second Olivier award for her performance as Joanne in the London revival of *Company*.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical** (May 29 – June 2, 2019, Perelman Theater), **Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia – Get Organized** (June 1, 2019, Verizon Hall), **The Second City: She The People** (June 13-22, 2019, Perelman Theater), and **Bring It! Live** (July 11, 2019, Merriam Theater).

#### **PATTI LUPONE: DON’T MONKEY WITH BROADWAY**

**Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Verizon Hall**

*June 9, 2019, 3:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$39.00. 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.

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

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