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The courageous pups of Paw Patrol are on a roll in this year's action-packed, music-filled production of @PawPatrolLive "Race to the Rescue" at the @Kimmel Center 4/5 – 4/7. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**PAW PATROL LIVE! "RACE TO THE RESCUE"  
TAKES CENTER STAGE IN PHILADELPHIA**

**JOIN YOUR FAVORITE PUPS FOR A HEROIC MUSICAL  
ADVENTURE ON THE  
KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
APRIL 5 – 7, 2019**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, February 28, 2019) – No job is too big, no pup is too small! The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, in association with Nickelodeon and VStar Entertainment Group, presents **PAW Patrol Live! "Race to the Rescue"**, an action-packed, music-filled production, presented by Pedigree. The heroic pups from the top-rated animated preschool series *PAW Patrol*,

produced by Spin Master Entertainment, will visit the Academy of Music from Friday, April 5 – Sunday, April 7, 2019.

“This beloved children’s show will come to life once again on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus as part of our annual Family Discovery Series,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO. “Last year, families packed into our theater, eager to see what type of journeys upon which the courageous pups would embark. This year, we are thrilled to welcome audiences of all ages to join us in the latest adventures of *PAW Patrol Live!*, as they’re taught life lessons and introduced to the fun and excitement of the stage!”

It's the day of the Great Adventure Bay Race between Adventure Bay’s Mayor Goodway and Foggy Bottom’s Mayor Humdinger, but Mayor Goodway is nowhere to be found. PAW Patrol to the rescue! Ryder summons Marshall, Chase, Skye, Rubble, Rocky, Zuma, and Everest to rescue Mayor Goodway and to run the race in her place. Using their unique skills and teamwork, the pups show that “no job is too big, no pup is too small,” and share lessons for all ages about citizenship, social skills, and problem-solving as they make several heroic rescues on their race to the finish line. The show includes two acts and an intermission and engages audiences with Bunraku puppetry, an innovative costuming approach that brings the PAW Patrol characters to life on stage with their vehicles and pup packs. The performance features up-tempo music and a cleverly written script that is a wonderful introduction to live theater for kids. Classic theatrical scenery, along with a high-tech video wall, visually transports families to an authentic PAW Patrol environment, including locations from the TV series, like Adventure Bay, The Lookout, Seal Island, Farmer Yumi's farm, and Jake's Mountain. Special interactive video allows the audience to participate via interviews, solve clues with the Pups, follow Mayor Goodway, and much more.

As part of the Family Discovery Series, **PAW Patrol Live! “Race to the Rescue”** is eligible for 3-show packages starting at just \$10 per show. Other shows in the series include **KODO: Evolution** (March 12, 2019, Verizon Hall), **Peg + Cat Live!** (March 30, 2019, Merriam Theater), **The Illusionists – Live From Broadway** (May 10 – 11, 2019, Merriam Theater), and **Rennie Harris: Funkedified** (June 7 – 8, 2019, Merriam Theater).

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Anastasia** (April 9 – 14, 2019, Academy of Music), and **CATS** (June 18 – 30, 2019, Forrest Theatre).

### **PAW Patrol Live! Race to the Rescue**

#### **Academy of Music**

*April 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m.*

*April 6, 2019, 10:00 a.m.*

*April 6, 2019, 2:00 p.m.*

*April 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m.*

*April 7, 2019, 10:00 a.m.*

*April 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m.*

### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$30.00. 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.

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Headquartered in Minneapolis, VStar has presented more than 39,000 live performances across 40 countries, and entertains nearly two million guests annually. Current VStar tours include PAW Patrol Live!, Bubble Guppies Live, Cirque Dreams and Discover the Dinosaurs: Time Trek. Previous VStar (formerly VEE Corporation) productions include Sesame Street Live, Barney, Bear in the Big Blue House, Curious George, Dragon Tales, and Kidz Bop Live! For more information, visit <http://www.vstarentertainment.com/>.

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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 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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