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**THE KIMMEL CENTER'S RESIDENT DANCE COMPANY
PHILADANCO CELEBRATES THE WORK AND CAREERS OF
RECENT COMPANY ALUMNI IN *SUCCESS STORIES*
APRIL 13-15, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2018) — The much-loved Kimmel Center Resident Company **PHILADANCO** presents its spring program, *Success Stories*, in the Perelman Theater April 13-15, 2018. *Success Stories* will feature the works of recent PHILADANCO alumni who have gone on to flourish in their successful careers. Pieces will include works by Hope Boykin, now a member of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; Anthony Burrell, an established creative director, choreographer, and actor who recently won an MTV Video Music Award for Best Choreography for Beyoncé's "Sorry"; Iquail Shaheed, founder and executive artistic director of the cutting-edge dance company DANCE IQUAIL; and Tommie-Waheed Evans, current Artist-in-Residence at PHILADANCO.

"It is a time-honored tradition for the Kimmel Center to present two programs with PHILADANCO every season, each showcasing dancers and choreographers whose performances tug at the heartstrings of our audiences," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "These performances are inspiring, entertaining, and always exciting. I am thrilled to welcome the return of our favorite former company members and their new works."

The Philadelphia Dance Company (PHILADANCO), founded by Joan Myers Brown, presents the highest quality of professional dance performance and improves the skills of emerging and professional dancers and choreographers. PHILADANCO is celebrated across the nation and around the world for its innovation, creativity, and preservation of predominantly African-American traditions in dance.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Maks, Val and Peta Live on Tour: Confidential** (April 3, 2018, Academy of Music), **Patti LaBelle** (April 5, 2018, Academy of Music), **On Your Feet!** (April 10-15, 2018, Academy of Music), and **The Sound of Music** (April 24-29, 2018, Merriam Theater).

PHILADANCO SUCCESS STORIES

Perelman Theater

April 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

April 14, 2018, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 15, 2018, 2:30 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, 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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