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Video/Photo Opportunity Tomorrow 1pm The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Merck Auditorium, Kimmel Center Jazz Resident Doug Hirlinger interacting with students from The University of the Arts

THE KIMMEL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS TO LAUNCH “PHILLY’S CREATIVE JAZZ INSTITUTE”

New intensive summer program for top middle and high school musicians to feature master artists-in-residence, live performances

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, January 18, 2018) – This summer, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and the University of the Arts will launch an exciting new jazz music program, “Philly’s Creative Jazz Institute,” for some of the top middle and high school jazz musicians in the region, across the country, and around the world. The dynamic, two-week intensive, from July 9 through 21, 2018, is the latest project in an ongoing partnership between the Kimmel Center and UArts, neighbors on the Avenue of the Arts and leaders in Philadelphia’s arts scene.

Philadelphia has deep roots in jazz performance and education, and the Creative Jazz Institute will take advantage of the Kimmel Center's world-class facilities and the UArts talented faculty as the backdrop for some of the brightest young jazz talents to gain invaluable experience in a creative, live-performance setting. In addition, high school students who complete the requirements will receive three college credits. Full and partial scholarships will be available to talented and promising young musicians based on need and/or merit.

"We are thrilled to cultivate our partnership with University of the Arts through the brand new 'Creative Jazz Institute', a summer program for talented students with burgeoning jazz interest," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Arts education and commitment to community are part of our core Kimmel Center mission; this program enables us to reach and support the next generation of jazz musicians in Philadelphia, truly transforming lives daily through the arts."

The new program will allow instrumentalists and vocalists to interact with top-level artists-in residence, while exploring technique and repertoire. Students will work with UArts faculty and top jazz performers to uncover a range of possibilities through jam sessions and ensembles, with an emphasis on improvisation and performance.

"This program can serve as a national model for youth jazz education," said Erin Elman, Dean of the UArts Division of Continuing Studies. "We are thrilled to be bringing together two renowned institutions, incredible master performers, and talented educators to create the premier jazz program for youth in the country. This Institute will serve as a pipeline for talented and passionate musicians from middle school up to college, from Philadelphia and around the world, to pursue jazz performance at a high level."

The program's curriculum is designed for motivated 6th - 12th grade students and features work with celebrity artists-in-residence, daily master classes, trips throughout Philadelphia to experience live music, and collaboration with students in UArts' concurrent dance and music business programs for pre-college students.

The program culminates in a free concert performance for family, friends, and peers in the Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater on Saturday, July 21, 2018.

Audition details are below:

Students may audition in-person or submit a digital audition via YouTube or Vimeo. Those auditioning must present a prepared 1-2 minute piece that demonstrates a range of technical and improvisational abilities, as well as participate in a sight reading exercise. Details found at uarts.edu/SIMusic.

In-person auditions will take place Saturday, March 10, 2018 at The Pre-College Summer Institute Open House and Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Creative Jazz Institute. In-person auditions can be scheduled by phone at 215-717-6430 or by email at precollege@uarts.edu.

Students are accepted into the program in one of the following performance areas: Bass (upright or electric), Drum Set, Percussion (African, Latin, Vibraphone, etc), Guitar, Flute, Clarinet, Piano, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, or Voice. Due to the generosity of funders, Full Scholarships are available. Students applying for full scholarship are not required to pay a deposit. Details and application available at uarts.edu/summerinstitute.

For more information, visit kimmelcenter.org or uarts.edu.

Kimmel Center/UArts Partnership

The Kimmel Center/UArts partnership is designed to energize the arts scene in Philadelphia and at the same time expand arts education programming to young artists and art lovers. The two iconic Philadelphia institutions are leading the drive to shape the region's arts landscape by increasing arts educational offerings for students of all ages.

The relationship also provides UArts students access to artists performing on the Kimmel Center's Cultural Campus through residencies and master classes, and develops cross organizational opportunities for staff and faculty, including lecturer appointments, mentorships, and cross-organizational committee work.

The University of the Arts

Founded in 1876, the University of the Arts is one of the nation's only universities dedicated solely to educating students in the visual and performing arts, design and writing. UArts is a leader in educating creative individuals through an innovative, flexible, rigorous and well-rounded curriculum that prepares students to be the creative leaders of tomorrow, whether in a specific artistic discipline or by applying their arts education to virtually any career. Its 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students collaborate across disciplines on its campus in the heart of Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts, in one of the nation's most culturally vibrant cities.

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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