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.@RobLowe dishes #Hollywood tales straight from the source in hot one-man show “Stories I Only Tell My Friends: LIVE!” at @KimmelCenter’s Merriam Theater on 5/17. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS  
ROB LOWE’S HIT ONE-MAN SHOW -  
*STORIES I ONLY TELL MY FRIENDS: LIVE!*  
MAY 17, 2019**

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**-Broadway World**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, April 4, 2019) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is delighted to welcome Hollywood icon **Rob Lowe** to Philadelphia. Following his hit debut touring run in Mesa, Salt Lake City, and Denver in 2017, Rob Lowe is taking his one-man show ***Stories I Only Tell My Friends: LIVE!*** on a national tour, including a stop at the Kimmel Center’s Merriam Theater on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

“Rob Lowe has been an entertainment legend for decades, charming audiences through film, television, and theater, and we’re excited to welcome him to our Merriam Theater in Philadelphia for the first time!” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We relish the opportunity to serve as a home for conversations of all kinds across a variety of subjects and industries, as part of our diverse Campus offerings.”

Inspired by the success of his two *NY Times* bestselling memoirs, *Stories I Only Tell My Friends* and *Love Life*, Rob has created an all-new peek behind the curtain at Hollywood, fame, fatherhood, marriage, and

a life lived at the forefront of culture for four decades. *Broadway World* calls Lowe “As personable and charismatic of a presence onstage as he is onscreen.”

From the Brat Pack to *The West Wing* to *Parks and Rec* and beyond, *Stories I Only Tell My Friends: LIVE!* is packed with witty fun and one-of-a-kind insights spanning an iconic career. *Broadway World* raves “The humor is first class, with the jokes and funny anecdotes keeping the audience in stitches for most of the night.”

In addition to Rob’s storytelling, the show will include a Q&A and plenty of insider film clips and photos. “This isn’t a regurgitation of the books, because that wouldn’t be very much fun,” Lowe says. “This is very much its own beast, but it does have some of the same feel of the books.”

Lowe released his memoir *Stories I Only Tell my Friends* in 2011. The book was an instant hit, spending consecutive weeks in the top four of *The New York Times* best sellers and making it onto *GQ*’s “Best of 2011” book list. Lowe’s second book *Love Life* was published in 2014 and also landed a spot on the *NY Times* Best Seller list. “I decided to put what would be the third book into a show where I could go out directly to an audience and share and have an exchange with them directly,” he says. “Frankly, I love meeting people, being out in front of them, hearing their comments. It’s really fun,” says Lowe.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Professor Brian Cox: “Universal: Adventures in Space & Time”** (April 28, 2019, Verizon Hall), **Brit Floyd: Another Brick in the Wall 2019** (May 7, 2019, Merriam Theater), **Polly Mope** (May 9-11, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), and **Eddie Izzard WUNDERBAR** (May 15, 2019, Merriam Theater).

### **Stories I Only Tell My Friends: LIVE!**

#### **Merriam Theater**

*May 17, 2019, 8:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$49.00. 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.

#### **Rob Lowe**

Rob Lowe’s iconic career spans 4 decades in film, television, and theater. He is also an acclaimed author. Rob has been nominated for two Emmys, six Golden Globes, and four Screen Actors Guild awards in which he won two. He has starred in the ‘80s classics *St. Elmo’s Fire*, *About Last Night*, and *The Outsiders*, as well as television classics such as *The West Wing* and *Parks and Recreation*. Rob’s incredibly diverse career also includes scene stealing work in *Behind Candelabra*, *Austin Powers*, and *Tommy Boy*. Rob just wrapped *Christmas in the Wild* for Netflix with Kristen Davis and was recently seen in and directed a remake of the 4-time academy award nominated film, *The Bad Seed*. Most recently, FOX announced that Rob is the host and producer of *Mental Samurai*, the thrilling new competition series and first-ever obstacle course for the mind that will air during the 2018-2019 season. He is also currently in London shooting ITV’s *Wild Bill* where he will play high-flying US cop, Bill Hixon, who is appointed Chief Constable of the East Lincolnshire Police Force in the six-part series.

Lowe has been married to designer, Sheryl Lowe, since 1991. They have two sons, Matthew and John Owen, who attend Loyola Law School and Stanford University, respectively.

**MAGICSPACE ENTERTAINMENT** is headed by Lee D. Marshall, Joe Marsh, John Ballard and Steve Boulay and has been producing and presenting national tours, Broadway shows, concerts and museum exhibits worldwide for over 35 years. Consistently one of the top promoters in the world, MagicSpace Entertainment typically produces and presents more than 350 events worldwide per year. Recent Broadway credits include *The Illusionists—Witness the Impossible* (Broadway and West End), *The Illusionists—Live on Broadway*, *The Illusionists—Turn of the Century*, *Donny & Marie: A Broadway Christmas*, *American Idiot*, *Rain—A Tribute to the Beatles on Broadway* and *Alton Brown Live—Eat Your Science on Broadway*. National tour credits include *The Illusionists—Live From Broadway*, *A Magical Cirque Christmas*, *Lord of the Dance* created by Michael Flatley, Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage starring in *Mythbusters—Unleashed*, *Alton Brown Live*, *Mannheim Steamroller Christmas* by Chip Davis, *Donny & Marie Christmas*, *Rain—A Tribute to the Beatles*, *The Magic of David Copperfield*, *Circus 1903—The Golden Age of Circus*, *Brain Candy Live* starring Adam Savage and Michael Stevens, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *A Chorus Line* and national concert tours by Janet Jackson, Cher and Fleetwood Mac to name just a few. Touring museum exhibitions produced include *Jurassic World: The Exhibition*, *Tutankhamun* and the *Golden Age of the Pharaohs Exhibition*, *Titanic: The Exhibition*, *Diana—A Celebration*, *St. Peter and the Vatican: The Legacy of the Popes* exhibition. MagicSpace Entertainment has an office in Park City, UT. [www.magicspace.net](http://www.magicspace.net)

### **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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