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# JEWISH CHORAL MUSIC FILLS THE KIMMEL CENTER'S VERIZON HALL IN *SING HALLELUJAH* WITH OVER 100 SINGERS FROM AREA CHOIRS LEAD BY CANTOR DAVID F. TILMAN MARCH 21, 2018

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, January 17, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts welcomes Cantor David F. Tilman as he leads an entertaining evening of music from Jewish tradition for the first time in Verizon Hall with the Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ. The concert, entitled *Sing Hallelujah*, will feature a large chorus of over 100 singers from local synagogue and community-based Jewish choirs. Plus, there will be an instrumental ensemble performing 19th and 20th century Jewish music by European, American, and Israeli composers including the Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein.

"It is an honor to present this inaugural concert of beautiful music, involving the talented participation of many local synagogues," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Audiences are in for a real treat as these talented Philadelphia area Cantors and choir members, who lend their voices weekly to their communities, come together to showcase the popular Jewish music that resonates with so many."

*Sing Hallelujah* will be lead by Cantor David F. Tilman, Cantor Emeritus of Beth Sholom Congregation and Choral Director of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park; Kevin O'Malia, Director of Music and Organist at First United Methodist Church of Germantown in Philadelphia; and Organist at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park playing the organ. They will be joined by Cantors from local synagogues and congregations throughout the country.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: *Something Rotten!* (Feb 27-March 4, 2018 Academy of Music), **Deepak Chopra** (March 15, 2018, Merriam Theater), *Rain – A Tribute to the Beatles* (March 23-25, 2018, Academy of Music), **Patti LaBelle** (April 5, 2018, Academy of Music), Jerry Seinfeld (April 7, 2018, Academy of Music), and *An Evening with Jay Leno* (May 19, 2018, Academy of Music).

## SING HALLELUJAH

#### Verizon Hall

March 21, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

### Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at <u>www.kimmelcenter.org</u>, 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 <u>www.kimmelcenter.org</u> 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 <u>www.kimmelcenter.org</u>.

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