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@KimmelCenter's FREE annual celebration "Songs You Left Behind" returns for 6th year, part of Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations in #Philadelphia, 10/3. More info @ kimmelcenter.org.

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS HOSTS 6TH ANNUAL
SONGS YOU LEFT BEHIND FREE CELEBRATION,
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019**

**While the Kimmel Center celebrates Hispanic Heritage month all year long,
this event features music and storytelling, led by representatives
from across Latin American nations**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, September 9, 2019) – The Kimmel Center is hosting its 6th annual *Songs You Left Behind* program, a celebration of culture shared by representatives from various Latin American countries. Attendees are invited to listen to music, hear personal stories, and share the emotions and experiences from members of the Latin-American community as they share what they've left behind and what they carry with them. This event is part of the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

"Our Cultural Campus is a place for community, a place where our mission to engage Philadelphians with art through performance and education comes to life," said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We want to be a catalyst for important conversations, and *Songs You Left Behind* embodies the best of Hispanic heritage in a celebratory space."

Songs You Left Behind is an opportunity for representatives from many Latino nations to share the pride of their homeland in the community. Wherever it's memories from the music of our childhood, songs

sung by our families & neighbors, or tunes heard on the radio – wherever we're from – we all have songs that remind us of home.

Listen to the music. Hear their stories. Experience the emotions. Open your heart and celebrate the cultures of Latin America as members of our community share what they've left behind and what they carry with them.

This will be the 6th year of this FREE event, part of the Kimmel Center's Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations. Hispanic Heritage Month continues all year long on the Cultural Campus with *La NOCHE*, a monthly FREE program presented by PNC Arts Alive. Mixing the worlds of music and the Latin culture, *La NOCHE* provides a fun night out for music and dance lovers alike, with two live bands – one from Philadelphia, the other from a different Latin country each month. Alongside the Mexican Consulate and the Mexican Cultural Center, the Kimmel Center welcomes all to take part in one of the most celebrated holidays among the Hispanic and Latino communities – *Three Kings Day*. The 4th annual evening, on Saturday, January 4, at 4 p.m. will consist of many traditions and activities, fun for everyone.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Cristela Alonzo: *My Affordable Care Act*** (October 10, 2019, Academy of Music), **Dena Blizzard: *One Funny Mother*** (October 19, 2019, Perelman Theater), and **Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live: *The Great Cheesy Movie Circus Tour*** (October 25, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***Three Kings Day*** (January 4, 2020, Commonwealth Plaza), and ***Ballet Folclórico Nacional de México de Silvia Lozano*** (March 12, 2020, Merriam Theater).

SONGS YOU LEFT BEHIND

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' SEI Innovation Studio

October 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

This is a FREE but ticketed event on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus. Tickets can be reserved by calling 215-893-1999, online at www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. General group sales for additional Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presentations 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 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 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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