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***THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL*
MAKES ITS PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE,
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 15, 2018) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is thrilled to announce that *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, an "electrifying" (*Newsday*) musical adaption of *The New York Times* bestselling novel written by Rick

Riordan, will play Philadelphia at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater from Tuesday, January 22 – Sunday, January 27, 2019. From page to stage, it's a thrilling new musical for all ages.

With more than 100 million copies of the book series sold worldwide, this global phenomenon has found a new home on the live stage in a "mesmerizing" theatrical event that proves "lightning can strike twice!" (*TheaterMania*). Following a sold out run in New York City, where it garnered 3 Drama Desk Award nominations, including Best Musical, this "winning adaptation" (*The Hollywood Reporter*) is coming to rock Philadelphia.

"*The Lightning Thief* is an exciting musical adaptation of the bestselling book," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We are delighted to host the Philadelphia premiere of this electrifying production, celebrated off-Broadway by Percy fans and theater fans alike."

As a son of Poseidon, Percy Jackson has newly discovered powers he can't control, monsters on his trail, and is on a quest to find Zeus' lightning bolt to prevent a war between the Greek gods. Based on the bestselling Disney-Hyperion novel by Rick Riordan and featuring a thrilling original rock score, *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* is an action-packed theatrical adventure that has been celebrated by audiences and critics alike.

The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical has a Drama Desk nominated book by Joe Tracz, music and lyrics by Rob Rokicki, and is directed by Stephen Brackett, with choreography by Patrick McCollum, with set design by Lee Savage, costume design by Sydney Maresca, Obie award winning sound design by Ryan Rumery, lighting design by David Lander, fight direction by Rod Kinter, and orchestrations by Wiley DeWeese and Rob Rokicki. The production is being presented by special arrangement with Rick Riordan and the Gallt & Zacker Literary Agency.

The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical is produced by TheaterWorksUSA, Martian Entertainment, Greg Schaffert Productions, Lang Entertainment Group, and in partnership with The Road Company

More information about *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* is available at <http://www.lightningthiefmusical.com/>

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The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical
Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater

Dates and times:

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Friday, January 25, 2019 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm
Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Tickets

Tickets are on sale to the public now and start at \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (215) 893-1999, visiting 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. More information at www.kimmelcenter.org.

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