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Beers. Beets. Buying tickets to "The Office: A Musical Parody!" The hilarious @TheOfficeNYC comes to the @KimmelCenter after record-breaking off-Broadway success. Don't miss seeing Scranton's 3rd largest paper company on stage! 9/28 & 9/29. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS RECORD BREAKING OFF-BROADWAY SENSATION THE OFFICE! A MUSICAL PARODY AT THE MERRIAM THEATER SEPTEMBER 28 – 29, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, August 15, 2019) – Singing! Dancing! Paper! The hit NBC satirical TV series *The Office* is heading to Philadelphia for an on-stage performance like no other. The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presents writers Bo and Tobly McSmith's hilarious, unauthorized musical *The Office! A Musical Parody* in the Merriam Theater on Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29, 2019. Featuring all your favorite coworkers from Dunder Mifflin and songs including "Welcome to Scranton (The Electric City)" and "That's What She Said," this boisterous musical is a "rejuvenating escape from reality that'll fill the void in your heart" (*Mashable*).

"It is without question that *The Office* is one of the most influential and iconic comedy series to date," said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We can't wait for Philadelphia audiences to see their favorite show in a whole new way, as part of our comedy offerings on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus; the laughter continues into the fall with New Jersey native Dena Blizzard, *Comedy Bang! Bang!*, and *A Hilarious (Uncensored) Conversation with Alec Baldwin.*"

It's a typical morning at Scranton's third largest paper company until, for no logical reason, a documentary crew begins filming the lives of the employees of Dunder Mifflin. *Mashable* calls the show "the world's most elaborate inside joke, created with a whole lot of love, just for fans." Original off-Broadway cast member, Madeline Glenn Thomas, will join the tour cast as everyone's favorite receptionist, Pam.

Writers Bob and Tobly McSmith are ecstatic about their third national tour (*FRIENDS! The Musical Parody* is currently touring North America). "*The Office! A Musical Parody* is on track to be our most successful New York production in 10 years," says Tobly McSmith. "*The Office! A Musical Parody* is now one of the most successful off-Broadway shows in history. As Michael might say, 'It's been a dream come thru.'"

The Office! A Musical Parody is produced by Right Angle Entertainment, written by Bob and Tobly McSmith and composed by Assaf Gleizner.

Bob and Tobly McSmith are distinguished gentlemen who met while applying for jobs at the Dippin' Dots in the mall. They did not get the job but went on to create the following masterpieces: FRIENDS! The Musical Parody; Bayside! The Saved by the Bell Musical; Full House! The Musical (Starring Perez Hilton); Kardashians! The Musical; Showgirls! The Musical; and JonBenet! Murder Mystery Theater. They are hard at work on their next musical: The Passion of the Teletubbies.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Eric Andre:** *Legalize Everything Tour* (September 17, 2019, Merriam Theater); **Adam Ant:** *Friend or Foe* (September 20, 2019, Merriam Theater); **Randy Rainbow Live!** (September 20, 2019, Merriam Theater); **A Night with Janis Joplin** (September 24, 2019, Merriam Theater); **Cristela Alonzo:** *My Affordable Care Act* (October 10, 2019, Perelman Theater); and **Dena Blizzard:** *One Funny Mother* (October 19, 2019, Perelman Theater).

THE OFFICE! A MUSICAL PARODY Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Merriam Theater

September 28, 2019, 8:00 p.m. September 29, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$35.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at 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 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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