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**CHICAGO'S LEGENDARY IMPROV THEATER TROUPE
THE SECOND CITY
RETURNS TO THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS FOR
LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE TALKING,
JANUARY 19 & 20, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 27, 2017) — Edgy, thought-provoking and always spectacularly funny, The Second City improv troupe returns to the Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater for performances on Friday, January 19, 2018 and Saturday, January 20, 2018. It's been known for nearly six decades for producing cutting-edge satirical revues and launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest. The Second City alumni include Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray, and more. Their new show, *Look Both Ways Before Talking*, will feature The Second City's signature improv comedy, audience interaction, and original of-the-moment sketches and songs.

"It is always a pleasure to welcome the return of The Second City to our Kimmel Center Cultural Campus," said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Not only do they present ever-changing, socially relevant material, but it is exciting to see what may well be the future leaders of the comedy world honing their craft on our stage!"

The Second City opened its doors in December of 1959 and since then has become the world's most influential and prolific comedy, theater, and improv school. From the start, the club developed unique ways of creating and performing comedy, setting themselves apart by their experimental and unconventional approach to both theater and comedy. Today, The Second City's imprint is felt across

every entertainment medium and has grown from a single stage to a diverse entertainment company. Establishing themselves as a leader in the industry, the company now includes training centers in Toronto, Chicago, and Los Angeles; four international touring companies; and continues to make unique media in television film and in the digital realm.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Mike Birbiglia's *The New One*** (November 17-18, 2017, Merriam Theater), **John Mulaney: *Kid Gorgeous*** (December 1-2, 2017, Academy of Music), **Paula Poundstone** (January 11, 2018, Merriam Theater), ***Something Rotten!*** (February 27-March 4, 2018, Academy of Music), and **Capitol Steps: *Orange is the New Barack*** (April 6-7, 2018, Perelman Theater).

THE SECOND CITY: *LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE TALKING*

Perelman Theater

January 19, 2018 8:00 p.m.

January 20, 2018 4:00 p.m.

January 20, 2018 8:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$40.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at 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 kimmelcenter.org 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 kimmelcenter.org.

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