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SAY "I DO" WITH THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS & GARCES EVENTS – IN THE KIMMEL CENTER'S HAMILTON ROOFTOP GARDEN

**Elopement Package with Champagne Toast, Décor, Light Bites,
Professional Photography, Officiant, and more**

Winner of The Knot's "Best of Weddings" 2-years-running

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 6, 2020) – Garces Events and the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus are excited to announce the second consecutive "Vows with a View," an intimate and all-inclusive elopement/vow renewal package for five lucky couples on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts' Hamilton Rooftop Garden, voted "Best of Weddings, 2019" and "Best of Weddings, 2020" by *The Knot*. For a modern way to say "I do," this elopement package is a one-day-only event for friends and family to toast to the newlyweds with bubbles and bites from the award-winning Garces Catering team while overlooking the Avenue of the Arts.

In partnership with the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus and Garces Events, NBC10 is hosting a giveaway, including the 10am "Vows with a View" wedding time slot, along with VIP tickets to the *Hello, Dolly!*, part

of the Kimmel Center's Broadway series. The giveaway runs Friday, February 7, 2020 through Thursday, February 13, 2020. Go to [NBC10.com/contests](https://www.nbc10.com/contests) to enter.

- **Venue**—The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus will host five couples at the Hamilton Rooftop Garden for two-hour increments with time slots of 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, and 6pm. The venue includes microphone and sound equipment with mahogany chivari chairs and ivory cushions.
- **Champagne and Light Bites**—Garces Events brings the award-winning cuisine to this modern-day wedding with a champagne toast and sweet & savory dishes, including Chef's Selection of Imported Cheeses, Seasonal Vegetable Crudite, Shrimp Brochettes, Serrano Ham Wrapped Figs, Wagyu Beef Montadito, Dark Chocolate Bouchons, and Strawberry Shortcake Verrine.
- **Photographer**—Photographer Afrik Armando will be capturing memorable moments & providing each couple with 50 digital high-res images to remember their big day.
- **Florist**—Ram Floral will be decorating the ceremony with neutral ceremony décor, one petite floral bouquet, and one white boutonniere.
- **Officiant**—Monica Walsh of Vaux Studio will be the officiant.
- **Vow Booklet**—A Personalized Vow booklet by Willow Wynn will be given to each couple for the exchange of vows.
- **Gift Card**—Couples will receive a \$150 gift card in celebration of their big day, valid for use at any Garces restaurant.

**Pricing is \$5,000 for 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, and 6pm time slots. A maximum of 20 guests can be accommodated per ceremony. Spaces can be booked by calling 215-670-2354 or emailing Gina.Rio@GarcesGroup.com.*

"Following the success of last fall's first-ever 'Vows with a View' elopement event, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is thrilled to again join our partners at Garces Events to celebrate the love stories of five more couples, this time in the most popular of all wedding months – June!" said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "As we combine ovation-worthy weddings with the natural excitement of an elopement, what better way to build this tradition than to give away a free wedding? Thank you to our partners at NBC10, who are hosting this once-in-a-lifetime giveaway, plus VIP tickets to the ultimate Broadway romantic comedy, *Hello, Dolly!*."

"Vows with a View is a truly unique event for couples looking to elope that affords them the opportunity to celebrate their love with key elements that make a traditional wedding—mouth-watering food and stunning venue—without the long-term planning," says Chef Jose Garces. "We're eager to bring Garces Events' award-winning cuisine to this year's lucky couples for an unforgettable experience."

Garces Events is the only chef-driven caterer in the city and the exclusive caterer for Kimmel Events, which includes the Hamilton Rooftop Garden, a high tech, multi-purpose space for special events, featuring a 6,200-square-foot hardwood maple floor and breathtaking views of the Philadelphia skyline.

Additionally, Garces Events offers their services in nine exclusive unique locations while integrating their impeccable hospitality and award-winning cuisine.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts was selected as a 2020 winner of *The Knot* Best of Weddings, an accolade representing the highest- and most-rated wedding professionals as reviewed by real couples, their families and wedding guests on *The Knot*, a leading wedding planning brand and app. This is the third year the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts has been named a winner of *The Knot* Best of Weddings awards, having received the honor in 2017 and 2019.

In 2020, only five percent of hundreds of thousands of local wedding professionals listed on *The Knot* received this distinguished award. In its fourteenth annual year, *The Knot* continues its longstanding tradition of supporting local wedding vendors with *The Knot* Best of Weddings 2020, an annual by-couples, for-couples guide to the top wedding professionals across the country. To determine the winners, *The Knot* analyzed its millions of user reviews across various vendor categories, including venues, musicians, florists, photographers, caterers and more, to find the highest rated vendors of the year. These winners represent the best of the best wedding professionals that engaged couples should consider booking for their own unique wedding.

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For more information about “Vows with a View”, visit <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/rent-our-venues/wedding/vows-with-a-view>

Coming Up on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus:

Kimmel Center Wedding Open House Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 12pm Hamilton Garden

Join us at our Wedding Open House and experience the unparalleled beauty of available spaces across our campus. Imagine your wedding underneath the stars in the Hamilton Rooftop Garden or dancing beneath the chandelier in the Academy of Music Ballroom!

Couples: come and tour our venue, speak to knowledgeable Kimmel Center representatives about YOUR special day, and discuss culinary options with Garces Events -- the Kimmel Center's exclusive culinary partner.

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About Garces

Garces is a Philadelphia-based hospitality group specializing in personal dining experiences rooted in the rich cultural traditions and culinary vision of renowned Latin-American chef Jose Garces. Taking a heartfelt and creative approach to time-honored recipes and dishes, Garces, in partnership with New Orleans-based Ballard Brands, operates numerous restaurants including Amada, Distrito, Tinto, Village Whiskey, JG Domestic, Volv r, The Olde Bar, Buena Onda, Ortzi at the LUMA Hotel Times Square, Okatshe, Ol n and Bar Ol n at Tropicana Atlantic City, Amada and Distrito Cantina in the Ocean Resort Casino and Stella in New Hope, PA. The group also operates Garces Events, a full-service catering and event division; the Garces Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to Philadelphia’s underserved immigrant community.

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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