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NYC-based string quartet @wellstrungnyc blends pop and classical in their holiday show "A Well-Strung Christmas" at the @KimmelCenter 12/8

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**STRING QUARTET WELL-STRUNG FUSES
POP AND CLASSICAL MUSIC IN HOLIDAY SHOW
A WELL-STRUNG CHRISTMAS
AT THE PERELMAN THEATER
DECEMBER 8, 2016**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 20, 2016) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts kicks off the holiday season with New York City-based string quartet **Well-Strung**. The group, which has gained mainstream fame in recent years after appearances on programs including "TODAY" and "Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen," will present their holiday show, *A Well-Strung Christmas*, on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. Well-Strung was created by producer Mark Cortale and violinist Chris Marchant. The show is directed by Richard Jay-Alexander, who recently directed Barbra Streisand's latest concert tour and is slated to direct Kristin Chenoweth on Broadway this November.

"This is an exceptional performance to kick-start our Holiday programming at the Kimmel Center - a perfect fusion of talent, popular music, and the classics," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Well-Strung has truly created their own niche through their unique sound and we are thrilled to welcome them to the Kimmel Center, introducing new fans to the group."

Well-Strung quartet members Edmund Bagnell (1st violin), Chris Marchant (2nd violin), Daniel Shevlin (cello), and Trevor Wadleigh (viola) blend their vocals and strings, fusing classical works with pop songs of today. In addition to performing live and creating entertaining music videos, Well-Strung enjoys working with students and children interested in music. The quartet performs for school classes, provides insider information about the music industry, and fields questions from the students.

Other upcoming performances on the Kimmel Center Campus include **Mannheim Steamroller: Christmas by Chip David** (December 3, 2016, Academy of Music), **A Soulful Christmas** (December 13, 2016, Verizon Hall), and **Mamma Mia!** (December 27 – 31, 2016, Merriam Theater).

WELL STRUNG

A Well-Strung Christmas

Perelman Theater

December 8, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

A Well-Strung Christmas

Musical arrangements by Well-Strung

Starring Edmund Bagnell, Christopher Marchant, Daniel Shevlin and Trevor Wadleigh

Produced by Mark Cortale

Directed by Richard Jay-Alexander

Tickets

Tickets are available now and start at \$29.00. 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. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

Mark Cortale is the Producing Artistic Director at The Art House in Provincetown, Massachusetts. In his inaugural season in 2011, he founded the Broadway @ The Art House series featuring Seth Rudetsky as host and pianist. This summer, Mark launched the Broadway @ Town Hall series in Provincetown that includes concerts with Seth starring Rosie O'Donnell, Neil Patrick Harris & David Burtka, Matthew Broderick & Sarah Jessica Parker, Audra McDonald & Will Swenson, Jane Krakowski and Vanessa Williams. He also founded Well-Strung, The Singing String Quartet and has produced their stage shows, their two CDs and their music videos. He has produced the Broadway @ series hosted by Seth in Australia (with Megan Mullally) and in London's West End (with Patti LuPone) at the Leicester Square Theatre. The series recently launched in San Francisco @ The Nourse Theatre, in Santa Monica @ The Broad Stage, in Fort Lauderdale @ The Broward's Parker Playhouse and in New Orleans @ NOCCA. Mark also produced the feature film Varla Jean and the Mushroomheads.

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 University of the Arts' 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 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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