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Ever wanted to ask @WilliamShatner a question about #StarTrek? The legend returns to the @KimmelCenter to screen #StarTrekII #StarTrekWrathOfKhan with live conversation and Q&A 5/17! More Info @KimmelCenter.org

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**WILLIAM SHATNER
LIVE ON STAGE FOR CONVERSATION AND Q&A
AFTER A SCREENING OF *STAR TREK II: THE WRATH OF KHAN*
ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
MAY 17, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, March 19, 2018) — Set phasers to stun and beam yourself to the Academy of Music on Thursday, May 17, 2018 for an unforgettable night with the one and only **William Shatner**, live on stage. Audiences will enjoy a screening of the classic film *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* on the big screen, followed by a live conversation with the one and only “Captain James T. Kirk.”

A limited number of VIP tickets will be available which include premium seating and a photo opportunity with Mr. Shatner.

“The Kimmel Center thrives on providing audiences with unique experiences that create everlasting memories,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We are thrilled to welcome the return of the wildly talented William Shatner for this once-in-a-lifetime event as audiences watch *Star Trek II* with the star himself, and have the opportunity to engage in a captivating conversation that may transport them to another world.”

William Shatner will be sharing fascinating and humorous stories from portraying the original Captain Kirk in the *Star Trek* television series and movies, and from his career. Fans will also have a chance to ask Mr. Shatner their questions during the audience-led Q&A.

William Shatner has cultivated a career spanning over 50 years as an award-winning actor, director, producer, writer, recording artist, and horseman. In 1966, Shatner originated the role of “Captain James T. Kirk” in the television series *Star Trek*, a show that spawned a feature film franchise where Shatner returned as Captain Kirk in seven of the *Star Trek* movies, one of which he directed. He’s won Emmys and a Golden Globe for his portrayal of lawyer “Denny Crane” on both *The Practice* and *Boston Legal*. He received four more Emmy nominations as well as other Golden Globe and SAG Award nods. His love of music inspired him to record the critically-acclaimed album *Has Been*. William Shatner’s book, *Leonard: My Fifty-Year Friendship with a Remarkable Man*, appeared on the *NY Times* Bestseller list, and his newest book, *Spirit of the Horse: A Celebration in Fact and Fable*, was released in May 2017. Shatner continues to act, write, produce, and direct while still making time to work with charities and further his passion in equestrian sports. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and three married children live in Los Angeles.

Don’t miss your chance to see a Hollywood legend in this thrill-of-a-lifetime evening; produced by Mills Entertainment and The Backlot Project.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Rain – A Tribute to the Beatles*** (March 23-25, 2018, Academy of Music), ***Jerry Seinfeld*** (April 7, 2018, Academy of Music), ***Capitol Steps: Orange is the New Barack*** (April 6-7, 2018, Perelman Theater), and ***An Evening with Jay Leno*** (May 19, 2018, Academy of Music).

WILLIAM SHATNER AND STAR TREK II: THE WRATH OF KHAN

Academy of Music

May 17, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$30.00. 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.

About The Backlot Project

Created by Mills Entertainment, The Backlot Project brings the most beloved stars of television and film from the screen to an exciting and intimate live setting. Each Backlot Project is interactive and takes audiences behind the scenes as the brightest stars engage in a tell-all conversation with the talents that brought their favorite moments in entertainment to life.

About Mills Entertainment

Mills Entertainment collaborates with top networks, agencies, and licensors to create original, world-class live experiences. With full global distribution and partnerships worldwide, Mills Entertainment takes shows from concept to stage, serving as a complete solution in realizing the vision. In April 2015, Creative Artists Agency (CAA) made an equity investment in Mills Entertainment. Current projects include Theresa Caputo Live! The Experience, Mel Brooks: Back in the Saddle Again, Bring It! Live, #IMOMSOHARD, and Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live! www.millsentertainment.com

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 www.kimmelcenter.org.

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