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Best-selling author @DavidSedaris (Facebook and Twitter)/@DavidSedarisBooks (Instagram) brings his unique brand of humor to the @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 9/30. The beloved humorist will share all-new readings and recollections with his signature sardonic wit. For more information, please visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, HUMORIST, AND *THIS AMERICAN LIFE* CONTRIBUTOR DAVID SEDARIS SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September 2, 2021) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with Innovation Arts & Entertainment and presenting partner WHY? presents ***An Evening with David Sedaris*** – author of the previous bestsellers *Calypso*, *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*, and regular National Public Radio contributor – for one performance at the **Kimmel Cultural Campus’ Academy of Music** on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 8:00 p.m., following the release of his newest books *The Best of Me* and *A Carnival of Snackery*.

This is a unique opportunity to see the best-selling humorist in an intimate setting. Sedaris will showcase a selection of all-new readings and recollections, afterwards taking part in a Q&A session and book signing.

“This return of David Sedaris to Philadelphia and to our Campus is special, not just because he kicks off ticketed performances for us after an 18-month closure – something to be celebrated in itself,” said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Kimmel Cultural Campus. “But he brings with him permission to laugh again, something we all desperately need. This one-night-only show starts our standup fall lineup and once again makes us a home for comedy on Broad Street – from Mike Birbiglia to Fortune Feimster, Heather McMahan and John Mulaney to Daniel Sloss.”

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America’s pre-eminent humor writers. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and

political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

His new book, *The Best of Me* (Little Brown/ Hachette, Fall 2020), is a collection of 42 previously published stories and essays, about which novelist Andrew Sean Greer wrote in *The New York Times*: “You must read ‘The Best of Me.’ It will be a new experience, knowing that enough time has passed to find humor in the hardest parts of life. More than ever — we’re allowed to laugh.”

If you love David Sedaris’s cheerfully misanthropic stories, you might think you know what you’re getting into at his live readings. You’d be wrong. To see him read his own work onstage allows his autobiographical narrative to reveal a uniquely personal narrative that will keep you laughing throughout the evening. Don’t miss this event! Visit www.DavidSedarisOnTour.com for more information.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include: **Mike Birbiglia Live!** (October 2, 2021, Merriam Theater), **John Mulaney: *From Scratch*** (October 1-12, 2021, Academy of Music), **Heather McMahan: *The Farewell Tour*** (October 15, 2021, Merriam Theater), **Alan Cumming and Ari Shapiro – *Och & Oy! A Considered Cabaret*** (October 17, 2021, Merriam Theater), and **Alton Brown Live: *Beyond The Eats*** (October 23, 2021, Merriam Theater).

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at www.kimmelculturalcampus.org. The Kimmel Box Office is currently closed, as the Kimmel Cultural Campus prepares to reopen to the public after 18 months on September 18, 2021. In-person ticket sales can be conducted at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 240 S. Broad Street. See www.kimmelculturalcampus.org for more information.

AN EVENING WITH DAVID SEDARIS

Kimmel Cultural Campus’ Academy of Music
September 30, 2021, 8:00 p.m.

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Safe & Clean Commitment

We will always put the safety of our guests, artists, and staff first, and we have worked closely with partners, producers, artists, guests and other performing arts centers around the nation to develop the most comprehensive plan to safely reopen our doors. We are committing to a healthy and clean environment with increased disinfection, enhanced ventilation, and will enforce recommended health authority guidelines, including masks and vaccinations upon reopening.

For more information on our [Safe & Clean Commitment](http://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org), please visit [kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org).

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In response to the City of Philadelphia’s mask mandate, masks will be required when inside our buildings. Masks are required to be worn at all times when on the Kimmel Cultural Campus, except when actively consuming food or beverage in designated locations. Prolonged periods of mask removal are not permitted.

Effective September 18, all attendees for public events must show proof of full vaccination at the time of entry. Proof of negative COVID-19 tests will not be accepted, with the exception of children under the age of 12; children under 12 will be required to show a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of the event. This policy is subject to change based upon guidance from the CDC and local health authorities. Details and procedures are in development and will be rolled out to the public and ticket holders ahead of the September 18 reopening event.

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KIMMEL 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 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 the proud Kimmel Cultural Campus Season Sponsor. Read Kimmel Cultural Campus' vision statement, world view, and mission statement [here](#). Learn more about our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and how it encompasses our mission, co-workers, and programs [here](#).

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