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YouTube sensation @GameGrumps is bringing their new interactive tour to @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 6/19 to find out who really is the best gamer! For more info, visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS THE RIOTOUS COMEDY DUO GAME GRUMPS IN GAME GRUMPS LIVE: TOURNAMENT OF GAMERS JUNE 19, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 25, 2022) –The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with AEG Presents, welcomes **Game Grumps** in their newest show, **Game Grumps Live:** *Tournament Of Gamers*, at the Campus' newly renamed Miller Theater (formerly Merriam Theater) on Sunday, June 19, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. Creators Arin Hanson and Dan Avidan return to the stage with a brand new show that pits the audience against one another in an interactive series of hilarious games.

Game Grumps is a Let's Play web series featuring video commentary of the playthrough of popular video games, hosted by the legendary Arin Hanson and Dan Avidan. The YouTube comedy and gaming channel has over 5 million YouTube subscribers, 4.7 billion video views and features episodes with guests including Ben Schwartz, Dan Harmon, Weird Al Yankovic, Jamie Lee Curtis, and more!

"Game Grumps is more than just a web series; they accept fan mail – and many of the games played on the show come from fan-recommendations," said Frances Egler, Senior Director of Programming and Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "Now a decade old, the series – called 'comfort creators' by *The New York Times* – also has a philanthropic arm that has raised funds for various charities over the years."

Dan Avidan is a musician and comedian who joined the YouTube series Game Grumps in 2013. He brings a chilled-out, positive presence to the show and is often sent into uncontrollable fits of laughter by co-host Arin Hanson. Avidan grew up an admirer of "commentary" shows like *Mystery Science Theatre 3000* and was thrilled to join Game Grumps to hone his craft and live out his comedy dreams.

Arin Hanson is a cartoonist, comedian, and voice actor who came into notoriety for his "Awesome" cartoon parodies posted on Newgrounds and YouTube. Hanson dreamed of creating a Let's Play comedy show, and that is how Game Grumps was founded. Hanson has

also voice-acted in a variety of shows including *Rick and Morty, The Owl House,* and *Mighty Magiswords.*

Game Grumps has since developed and published two of their own video games, *Dream Daddy: A Dad Dating Simulator* and *Soviet Jump Game*, as well as writing the young adult novel *Ghost Hunters Adventure Club and the Secret of the Grande Chateau.*

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include **Hannah Gadsby: Body of Work** (May 7, 2022, Miller Theater, formerly Merriam Theater) and **Paula Poundstone** (June 17, 2022, Miller Theater, formerly Merriam Theater).

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at <u>www.kimmelculturalcampus.org</u>. In-person ticket sales can be conducted daily from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 240 S. Broad Street. See <u>www.kimmelculturalcampus.org</u> for more information.

Game Grumps Live: Tournament of Gamers

Kimmel Cultural Campus' Miller Theater, formerly Merriam Theater June 19, 2022, 8:00 p.m.

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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 (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, and SEI Innovation Studio), the Academy of Music, and the Miller Theater (formerly 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 The Philadelphia Orchestra and seven esteemed Resident Companies: 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, coworkers, and programs here.

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