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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS  
GRAMMY NOMINATED &  
INTERNATIONAL JAZZ SENSATION  
LAURIN TALESE  
FEBRUARY 19, 2022**

**“Laurin Talese has a voice like Christmas morning.”  
–*The Philadelphia Inquirer***

**“Some of the most luxuriant, sumptuously phrased jazz vocals you could hope to hear.”  
–*Chicago Tribune***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (January 13, 2022)** – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents the sensational **Laurin Talese** in its **Perelman Theater** on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. Talese will be performing music from her upcoming release, *Museum of Living Stories*, commissioned by Chamber Music America.

“It’s such a pleasure to welcome Laurin Talese back to our stages. She is a dear friend of our organization and is a dynamic performer who has joined us in the Perelman Theater and with The Philadelphia Orchestra on several occasions,” said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. “It is a great joy and privilege to witness Laurin’s artistic trajectory on our stages.”

Deeply committed to the health and safety of guests, artists, and staff and proudly certified by GBAC, the gold standard for infection prevention programs, the Kimmel Cultural Campus is requiring masks to be worn at all times, as well as proof of vaccination for those over 5. Guests under 5 will be required to show a negative PCR test result or negative rapid test. Additional details below.

After studying classical and jazz at the University of Arts in Philadelphia, Talese received her bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance. On top of her studies, Talese is a natural-born talent who is not just a singer who has performed across the globe, but also a passionate songwriter. She serves on the board of Jazz Philadelphia, as well as the Recording Academy's Philadelphia chapter, where she was recently appointed Vice President.

Her debut album, *Gorgeous Chaos*, was released in March 2016 and was met with critical acclaim, listed among the top 10 jazz albums in the *Chicago Tribune*. The album features a stellar lineup of musicians and was produced by and features in-demand music directors/producers Adam Blackstone and the Grammy® Award-winning drummer Ulysses Owen Jr., who she then partnered with to create her album *An Invitation*. The list of international renowned venues in which she has performed includes the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., the Apollo Theater in New York, and the Academy of Music on the Kimmel Cultural Campus.

In 2019, Talese represented the United States as a cultural ambassador with American Music Abroad, following in the footsteps of former Ambassadors Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, Duke Ellington, and Dave Brubeck. American Music Abroad is an initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and implemented by the Association of American Voices.

Other performances in the Kimmel Cultural Campus' 21-22 Jazz Series include **Arnetta Johnson** (March 19, 2022, Perelman Theater), **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** (March 24, 2022, Academy of Music), **Diana Krall** (April 8, 2022, Academy of Music), **Jazz in the Key of Ellison** (April 14, 2022, Verizon Hall), **Dianne Reeves** (April 21, 2022, Merriam Theater), and **Bria Skonberg** (June 12, 2022, Perelman Theater).

### **Tickets**

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at [www.kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org). 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 [www.kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org) for more information.

### **Laurin Talese**

Kimmel Cultural Campus' Perelman Theater  
February 19, 2022, 8:00 p.m.

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### **Safe & Clean Commitment + Flexible Ticket Policy**

The Kimmel Cultural Campus is proudly certified by the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#) – the gold standard for cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention programs.

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 proof of vaccination.

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.

All attendees for public events must show proof of full vaccination at the time of entry, with valid photo ID and copy of vaccination card (physical or photo). Proof of negative COVID-19 tests will not be accepted, with the exception of children under the age of 5, effective January 17; children under 5 will be required to show a negative PCR test or negative rapid result. While rapid tests (taken within 48 hours of event) are accepted, and PCR tests are preferred (taken within 72 hours of event). Our position on vaccine mandates for children under the age of 5 may change as the larger population gets vaccinated.

This policy is subject to change based upon guidance from the CDC and local health authorities. For more information on our [Safe & Clean Commitment](#) and the most up-to-date information about our policies, please visit [kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://kimmelculturalcampus.org).

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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 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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