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Award-winning storyteller @Birbig takes audiences on a must-see comedy adventure for his sold-out show at the @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 10/2! For more information, please visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS WELCOMES
AWARD-WINNING COMEDIAN AND ACTOR,
MIKE BIRBIGLIA, FOR A SOLD-OUT SHOW
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021**

“An enjoyable performance; it’s also an admirable piece of writing, so funny and yet so smart.”

- *The New York Times*

“The stand-up comic is master —as all good comedians are —of the personal, embarrassing tale”

- *Time Magazine*

“The best night I’ve spent in a theater in a very long time.”

- *The New York Times*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September 2, 2021) - The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with Live Nation Entertainment, welcomes world-renowned comedian, storyteller, director, and actor **Mike Birbiglia** back to the **Kimmel Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater** stage on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. This sold-out one-night-only standup show is only the second ticketed performance following the Campus’ official reopening on September 18 after an 18-month closure.

No stranger to the stage or screen, Mike Birbiglia has performed for audiences worldwide, from the Sydney Opera House to Broadway. His most recent show, *The New One*, ran for 99 shows at the Cort Theater in New York City. Today, you can find *The New One* on Netflix, along with his shows *Thank God for Jokes* and *My Girlfriend’s Boyfriend*. Birbiglia is also a filmmaker who wrote, directed, and starred in the films *Sleepwalk With Me* and *Don’t Think Twice*.

“After more than a year of entertaining the masses through virtual standup shows, podcasts, and socially-distanced performances, comedy mastermind Mike Birbiglia makes his long-

awaited return to the Kimmel Cultural Campus and his fans in Philadelphia,” said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Kimmel Cultural Campus. “Our Campus is a home for performance of all kinds, and comedy and laughter are the best medicine right now to invite the public back to theaters and live performances.”

Currently, he is the host of the podcast *Mike Birbiglia's Working It Out*, where he welcomes a different comedian or creator on air each week as they work out original, untested material and occasionally explore some pretty uncomfortable topics. Additionally, he is a contributor to *This American Life* on public radio.

His first book, *Sleepwalk With Me and Other Painfully True Stories*, was a *New York Times* bestseller, and he is the author of the new book, *The New One: Painfully True Stories from a Reluctant Dad, with poems by J. Hope Stein*. As an actor, Birbiglia has appeared on *Inside Amy Schumer*, *Girls*, and *Broad City* and in the films *Trainwreck*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, and *Popstar*. He played Danny Pearson on *Orange Is the New Black* and Oscar Langstratt on Showtime's *Billions*.

Birbiglia made his directorial debut with *Sleepwalk with Me*, based on his one-man show. The film premiered at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival and won the NEXT Audience Award. Additionally, it was selected in the “Festival Favorites” category at the South by Southwest film festival in Austin, Texas. The film also appeared in the Nantucket Film Festival, where it won the award for best writer/director.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include: **Fortune Feimster: 2 Sweet 2 Salty Tour** (October 8, 2021, Merriam Theater), **Heather McMahan: The Farewell Tour** (October 15, 2021, Merriam Theater), **Alton Brown Live: Beyond The Eats** (October 23, 2021, Merriam Theater), **Louis C.K.** (November 5-6, 2021, Merriam Theater), and **The Princess Bride: An Inconceivable Evening with Cary Elwes** (November 13, 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.

MIKE BIRBIGLIA LIVE!

Kimmel Cultural Campus' Merriam Theater
October 2, 2021, 7:00 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](#), please visit 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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