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Join your favorite quirky and hilarious robots for an exhilarating rollercoaster ride with Mystery Science Theater 3000 (@MST3K) LIVE: Time Bubble Tour @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 2/22. For more info, visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
CULT-CLASSIC COMEDY SHOW
MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000 LIVE:
TIME BUBBLE TOUR
FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**“MST3K contains some of the HIPPEST, deepest SATIRE of the generation.”
—*Los Angeles Times***

**“30 years later, that INGENIOUS B-movie spoof is still GOING STRONG.”
—*The New York Times***

**“A welcome respite to ESCAPE reality for a few WONDERFUL hours and instead live in the twisted galactic world of Hodgson’s mind.”
—*Paste Magazine***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (January 13, 2022) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents **Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live: *Time Bubble Tour*** at its Merriam Theater on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. This comedy cult-classic, long-running series will be brought to life with host Emily Connor and the world’s greatest – and only – movie riffing robots, Tom Servo, Crow, and GPC. Returning is the beloved cast from the 2019 *Great Cheesy Movie Circus Tour*: Emily Marsh, Conor McGiffin, Nate Begle, and Yvonne Freese. Together they will take you on an exhilarating rollercoaster ride through the film *Making Contact*, imposed by Mad Scientist, Mega-Synthia (Yvonne Freese).

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.

“Philadelphia audiences can expect a little bit of everything on our Campus – from *Your* Philadelphia Orchestra to rock, jazz greats to Broadway, comedians to dance,” said Frances Egler, senior director of programming and presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. “A show like Mystery Science Theater 3000 mixes satire & science, bringing us laughter and togetherness like so many of the other comedy shows on our season this year.”

Mystery Science Theater 3000 (MST3K) originally aired for 11 seasons from 1988 to 1999, becoming one of the most beloved cult TV shows of all time. Fans enjoyed the hilarious riffing, the wisecracking robots, and the silly sketches that made the show stand out. The snarky commentary was almost even more entertaining than the actual media. Main character of Joel Robinson was played by the show’s creator Joel Hodgson and later hosted by Mike Nelson. The show was brought back to life in 2015 when fans (known as MSTies) united behind a record-breaking Kickstarter to garner a brand-new 14-episode season, premiering on Netflix in 2017.

Notable praise for MST3K began when the show won a Peabody Award in 1993 and was then nominated for two Emmy® Awards in 1994 and 1995. In 2007, MST3K was listed as one of *Time’s* “100 Best TV Shows of ALL-TIME.” Even as recently as 2012, the show was listed as #3 in *Entertainment Weekly’s* “25 Best Cult TV Shows of the Past 25 Years.”

Former cast members have gone on to similar projects based on the riffing of films, including *The Film Crew*, *RiffTrax*, and *Cinematic Titanic*. MST3K also brought to light several older movies that had fallen into obscurity and many of these films were subsequently identified among the worst movies ever made, most notable among them *Manos: The Hands of Fate*.

Other featured performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include **IMOMSOHARD** (January 21, 2022, Merriam Theater), **Tig Notaro** (January 29, 2022, Merriam Theater), **Hasan Minhaj: The King’s Jester** (February 2, 2022, Merriam Theater), **Friends – The Musical Parody!** (April 15 – 16, 2022, Merriam Theater), **Whitney Cummings** (April 30, 2022, Merriam Theater), and **Hannah Gadsby** (May 7, 2022, Merriam Theater).

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at 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 for more information.

MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000LIVE: TIME BUBBLE TOUR

Kimmel Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater
February 2, 2022, 7:00 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.

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ALTERNAVERSAL

Alternaversal is the production company founded by Joel Hodgson after bringing the series back with a record-breaking MST3K Kickstarter campaign in 2015, raising over 6 million dollars! The series currently resides on Netflix with 20 feature-length episodes where it has been frequently included as one of the top trending programs on Netflix. Last May, Hodgson sponsored a second Kickstarter campaign that broke the previous record by raising \$6.5 million.

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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