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Spend an evening with Marvel's first ever Asian superhero @SimuLiu when he comes to the @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) to celebrate the release of his new memoir, "We Were Dreamers", on 6/7! For more info, visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS MARVEL SUPERHERO SIMU LIU IN SIMU LIU: WE WERE DREAMERS TOUR JUNE 7, 2022

People's Choice Award for Action Movie Star of 2021 Winner

Nominated for Critics' Choice Award for Best Actor in a Superhero Movie

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 25, 2022) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents **Simu Liu** in the Perelman Theater on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Part of his **WE WERE DREAMERS Tour,** Simu gives fans an inside look at growing up between cultures, battling stereotypes, and landing the role of a lifetime in *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings.* Joined on his book tour by special guests, Simu will share inspiring insights into how we can all become the heroes of our own life stories.

"Simu Liu's new memoir divulges his real-life experiences battling cultural stereotypes, finding an identity, and creating a career in the arts in America," said Frances Egler, Senior Director of Programming and Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "We are grateful to be able to provide a platform to share his incredible journey, especially in a city like Philadelphia, a haven for immigrants and melting pot of many cultures & communities."

In his honest, inspiring, and relatable memoir, *WE WERE DREAMERS: An Immigrant Superhero Origin Story*, Simu chronicles his family's journey from China to the bright lights of Hollywood with razor-sharp wit and humor. Through a swath of rejection and comical mishaps, Simu's determination to carve out a path for himself leads him to not only succeed as an actor, but also to open the door to reconciling with his parents. Simu Liu made his feature debut as the title hero in Marvel Studios' *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*, which broke box office records on its release and became the second-highest grossing film of 2021. Liu won the People's Choice Award for Action Movie Star of 2021 and was nominated for a Critics' Choice Award for Best Actor in a Superhero Movie.

Before his motion picture breakout, Liu filmed five seasons of the award-winning CBC/Netflix family sitcom *Kim's Convenience*, which chronicled the lives of a Korean-Canadian family that owned a bodega in the inner city of Toronto. He recently completed production on eOne's *Arthur the King* opposite Nathalie Emmanuel and Mark Wahlberg, as well as on *One True Loves*, the film adaptation of the bestselling romance written by Taylor Jenkins Reid. He is currently in production on Greta Gerwig's *Barbie* movie, starring alongside Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include *Hannah Gadsby: Body of Work* (May 7, 2022, Miller Theater, formerly Merriam Theater), *Paula Poundstone* (June 17, 2022, Miller Theater, formerly Merriam Theater), and *Game Grumps Live: Tournament of Champions* (June 19, 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.

Simu Liu: WE WERE DREAMERS Tour

Kimmel Cultural Campus' Perelman Theater June 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

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Safe & Clean Commitment

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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.

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This policy is subject to change based upon guidance from the CDC and local health authorities. For more information on our <u>Safe & Clean Commitment</u> and the most up-to-date information about our policies, please visit <u>kimmelculturalcampus.org</u>.

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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