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@TheMoth (Facebook and Twitter)/@mothstories (Instagram), the critically acclaimed organization behind The Moth Podcast, gives real people a platform to tell their stories live and unscripted in a new performance @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 4/28 in partnership with @whyy (Twitter & Instagram)/@whypublicmedia (Facebook). For more info, visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS AND WHYY PRESENT
THE MOTH MAINSTAGE
IN A NEW THEME-BASED STORYTELLING EVENT
APRIL 28, 2022**

“When it comes to engaging and brilliant storytelling, *The Moth* never disappoints. *Moth* performances are the go-to for anyone who has ever wanted to hear the best of the art of storytelling.”

– FORBES

“The most trusted name in storytelling.”
– TIME OUT NEW YORK

“New York’s hottest and hippest literary ticket.”
– THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 25, 2022) –The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with WHYY, is pleased to present *The Moth Mainstage* at the Campus’ Miller Theater (formerly Merriam Theater) on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

The Moth is an acclaimed not-for-profit organization dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling. In its twenty-five-year history, *The Moth* has presented more than 45,000 stories, told live and without notes, by people from all walks of life to standing-room-only crowds worldwide. *The Moth Podcast* is downloaded more than 90 million times a year, and The Peabody Award-winning *The Moth Radio Hour* airs weekly on more than 570 public radio stations nationwide. Each *Moth Mainstage* features simple, old-fashioned storytelling, by five wildly divergent raconteurs who develop and shape their stories with *The Moth*’s artistic team.

“Presenting events to audiences that draw them in and make them feel part of the art is foundational to our work here on the Campus,” said Frances Egler, Senior Director of

Programming and Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "Featuring real and unscripted storytelling, *The Moth* highlights diversity and commonality of human experiences, creating a true sense of community and togetherness among listeners."

The Moth was founded by novelist George Dawes Green, who wanted to recreate in New York the feeling of sultry summer evenings in his native Georgia, when moths were attracted to the light on the porch where he and his friends would gather to spin spellbinding tales. The first New York *Moth* event was held in George's living room, and the events quickly spread to larger venues throughout the city.

"Each day, audiences throughout this region tune into WHYY-FM for compelling news as well as arts and culture programming like the powerful and entertaining storytelling of The Moth. We are thrilled when those in our community can take advantage of "off-air" opportunities like this to get to know WHYY and the shows they love better," said Bill Marrazzo, President and CEO of WHYY Inc.

The Moth Mainstage tours internationally and has featured stories by Elizabeth Gilbert, Hasan Minhaj, Kathleen Turner, Malcolm Gladwell, Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, John Turturro, Molly Ringwald, Boots Riley, Mike Birbiglia, Roseanne Cash, as well as an astronaut, a pickpocket, a hot dog eating champion, and hundreds more.

To date, *The Moth* has published three critically acclaimed books: *The New York Times* Best Seller *The Moth: 50 True Stories, All These Wonders: True Stories About Facing the Unknown, and Occasional Magic: True Stories of Defying the Impossible*. A fourth book, *How to Tell A Story: The Essential Guide to Memorable Storytelling from The Moth*, will be released on April 26, 2022.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include **Hannah Gadsby: Body of Work** (May 7, 2022, Miller Theater, formerly Merriam Theater), **Simu Liu: We Were Dreamers** (June 7, 2022, Perelman 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 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.

The Moth Mainstage

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April 28, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

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Safe & Clean Commitment

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). Children under 5 are no longer required to show a negative PCR test or negative rapid result when accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult.

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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ABOUT WHYY

WHYY advances civic life through storytelling, arts, education and civic dialogue. As the region's leading public media provider and PBS/NPR member station, WHYY's multimedia outreach includes WHYY-TV, WHYY-FM, WHYY's award-winning online home for news and civic dialogue, WHYY.org and "off-air" community forums, artistic performances, lectures and media education programs.

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, co-workers, and programs [here](#).

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