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## **THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA AND KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS ANNOUNCE SECOND YEAR OF SEASON PARTNERSHIP WITH TALLER PUERTORRIQUEÑO**

**Kimmel Cultural Campus venues serve as donation sites for  
Taller's holiday outreach drive benefiting Philadelphia youth,  
beginning Tuesday, November 1**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (November 1, 2022) –The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Kimmel Cultural Campus announce the 2022-23 season-long community partnership with Taller Puertorriqueño (Taller) — a community-based cultural organization, known as El Corazón Cultural del Barrio (The Cultural Heart of Latino Philadelphia). Taller serves to preserve, develop, and promote Puerto Rican arts and culture, grounded in the conviction that embracing one's cultural heritage is central to community empowerment. With a shared dedication to shaping young minds through arts education, both organizations will identify opportunities to join forces throughout the year.

"Last year we were honored to partner with Taller Puertorriqueño, a beloved and respected organization within the community of Philadelphia that works to elevate and preserve Puerto Rican and Latinx culture," said Matías Tarnopolsky, president, and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. "We are delighted to continue the partnership this year, as we work together to build relationships through the transformative power of the arts."

“Thank you to The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Kimmel Cultural Campus for supporting our mission and cultural sustainability. Thank you for actively working with us in growing, holding, and creating more equitable arts spaces in the city of Philadelphia and beyond.” Said Nasheli Juliana Ortiz González, Executive Director and CEO of Taller Puertorriqueño.

As the first project in the second year of this partnership, audiences will be encouraged to bring toys that go toward Taller’s annual *Three Kings Day* celebration (full list is below). All donations will be distributed to local children, ages infant through 18, alongside live music and a parade, both happening at Taller. Labeled donation boxes for these gifts will be located throughout the Kimmel Cultural Campus venues, including inside the lobbies of the Kimmel Center, Academy of Music, and Miller Theater (formerly Merriam), beginning Tuesday, November 1, 2022, through January 2, 2023. Full list of donation items is below.

The Philadelphia Orchestra and the Kimmel Cultural Campus are further supporting the work of Taller Puertorriqueño with a donation of \$10,000. An additional partnership activation includes Taller student artwork on display inside the Academy of Music through December 5; corresponding with the production of *Les Misérables*, this is the first time during the 2022-23 season the artwork will be shown.

**Below is a list of toy donations needed to support the 2022 Taller Puertorriqueño holiday drive:**

- Science games (including STEM toys)
- Sensory-specific games
- Sports items (excluding balls)
- Art materials
- Educational & fun baby toys
- Musical toys
- Giftcards (including Apple Music, Target, Game Stop)
- Headsets & Earbuds

NOTE: Toy guns will not be accepted.

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Taller Puertorriqueño was also the site of an Our City, Your Orchestra episode from The Philadelphia Orchestra. To view the episode, visit [philorch.org/ocyo](http://philorch.org/ocyo).

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### **ABOUT TALLER PUERTORRIQUEÑO**

Taller Puertorriqueño (Taller) is a community based cultural organization whose primary purpose is to preserve, develop and promote Puerto Rican arts and culture, grounded in the conviction that embracing one’s cultural heritage is central to community empowerment. Taller is also committed to the representation and support of other Latino cultural expressions and common roots.

### **ABOUT POKC**

On June 17, 2021, The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Cultural Campus announced a pathbreaking partnership to create a brighter, more inclusive, and innovative cultural future for

Philadelphia: The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center Inc. (POKC). This new organization will reimagine the power of the arts to bring joy, create community, and effect change—to uplift all Philadelphians. We have united from a position of strength to bring the greatest performances and most impactful education and community programs, in-person and digitally, to the diverse audiences of Philadelphia and beyond.

### **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. 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](#).

### **THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA**

Founded in 1900, The Philadelphia Orchestra is one of the world's preeminent orchestras. Through [performances](#), programming, and [educational and community initiatives](#), the Orchestra shares the transformative power of music and creates joy, connection, and excitement through music regionally, nationally, and globally. The Orchestra originally performed at the Academy of Music, and in 2001 moved to its home at the Kimmel Cultural Campus' Verizon Hall. With [Yannick Nézet-Séguin](#), now in his 10th season as the music director, the ensemble performs annually at Carnegie Hall and during residencies at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, the Bravo! Vail Music Festival, and the Mann Center for the Performing Arts. The Orchestra is committed to bringing classical music to communities wherever they may be and discovering new and inventive ways to nurture its relationship with loyal patrons, with programs like [HearTOGETHER](#), [weekly broadcasts on WRTI-FM](#), a national radio series on SiriusXM, and more.

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