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The stairway to heavenly political satire continues with the all-new(ish) parody group #TheCapitolFools, the next generation of the beloved #CapitolSteps, with two hilarious performances @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 5/20. For more info, visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
THE BRAND-NEW MUSICAL PARODY GROUP
THE CAPITOL FOOLS,
CREATED BY AND STARRING FORMER MEMBERS
OF CAPITOL STEPS COMEDY TROUPE**

**TWO SHOWS – 2:00 PM AND 7:00 PM
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**

Let's welcome some reflection! Join us for the unveiling of the next political movement in comedy sweeping the country.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 4, 2023) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents comedy troupe, **The Capitol Fools**, at the Perelman Theater on the Kimmel Cultural Campus on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Capitol Fools hold up a mirror to our crazy political culture, providing hilarious song parodies and foolish reflections that continue to inspire belly-laughter. Audiences will continue to see cast members from past seasons of the Capitol Steps performing all the beloved bits, the mind-boggling backward talking spoonerisms, break-neck costume changes, over-the-top impressions, and all-new song parodies reflecting the day's news.

“No matter who runs the political stage, there is never a shortage of material for comedians to parody, just take it from long-running favorites like *Saturday Night Live*,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming & Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. “The Capitol Fools help wrap up our season of comedy with their foolish reflections, joining other comedic icons like Samantha Bee, Noel Miller, and Kevin James.”

The Capitol Steps was started in 1981 by some US Senate staffers in Illinois Senator Charles Percy's office as a means to provide Christmas party entertainment and to rib the people that

employed them. Soon, they were touring the nation chronicling the humor found in current events through clever song parodies. Struggling like many performing arts organizations during the coronavirus pandemic, the Capitol Steps shut down in 2021. After receiving the sad news, long-time Capitol Steps performer Jack Rowles; Steps co-writer Mark Eaton; and Michael Pauken, general manager of the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, Illinois worked together to set the stage for DC's Reflecting Fools. The premiere performance took place in Skokie, Illinois, in April 2022.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include **Samantha Bee: Your Favorite Woman Tour** (April 29, 2023, Miller Theater), **Girls Gotta Eat: Snack City Tour** (May 12, 2023, Miller Theater), **Sasha Velour: The Big Reveal Live!** (May 18, 2023, Perelman Theater) and **Kevin James** (June 16, 2023, Academy of Music).

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 Capitol Fools

Perelman Theater on the Kimmel Cultural Campus
May 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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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 (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 six esteemed Resident Companies: Opera Philadelphia, Philadelphia Ballet, 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, coworkers, and programs [here](#).

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