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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS 13-TIME GRAMMY NOMINATED MUSICIAN AND ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAMER, JOHN MELLENCAMP: *LIVE AND IN PERSON*, JUNE 3, 2023

**"Mellencamp is among our greatest living songwriters."
– Johnny Cash**

**"The GRAMMY-winning, Songwriters Hall of Famer, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, painter, father, and humanitarian, needs no introduction."
– Grammy.com**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 27, 2023) — The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with AEG Presents and Turner Classic Movies, presents rock icon and award-winning musician, **John Mellencamp: *Live and In Person*** on his North American tour at the Miller Theater on June 3, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Mellencamp continues his journey as the walking embodiment of rock icon; passionate, plain-spoken, and a self-proclaimed rebel.

A rock icon, Mellencamp rose to fame in the 1980s with a string of Top 10 singles beginning with 1982's "Hurts So Good" and followed by "Jack & Diane," "Crumbly'n' Down," "Pink Houses," "Lonely Ol' Night," "Small Town," "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.," "Paper in Fire," and "Cherry Bomb".

"For decades, John Mellencamp has continued to make music and create art that speaks to all generations," said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. "As a singer, songwriter, artist, humanitarian, and rock icon, he has helped to define the American songbook."

After falling in love with music at an early age, Mellencamp was performing in local bars and fronting a soul band by the time he was 14 years old. He launched his professional career in 1976 with his first album, *The Chestnut Street Incident*. He has since accumulated 22 Top 40 hits in the United States since 1982.

In 2008, Mellencamp was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame by icon and longtime friend, Billy Joel, and later inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2018. In 2019, WhyHunger, a non-profit organization working to end hunger and poverty, awarded Mellencamp with the ASCAP Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award, which shines a light on artists who have proven their commitment to better communities and social justice. In addition, he is the recipient of the John Steinbeck Award, ASCAP Foundation's Champion Award, The Woody Guthrie Award, the Americana Music Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Founders Award, the top honor assigned by the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers.

The Good Samaritan Tour, a new live album and documentary, was released in July 2021. The documentary, which is narrated by Academy Award winner Matthew McConaughey, chronicles Mellencamp's historic free tour in 2000 when he performed on street corners and in public parks across the country.

In 2022, *Legends of Rock: John Mellencamp* opened at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a permanent expansion on the museum's *Legends of Rock* exhibit. Museum goers can experience Mellencamp relics, like promotional photos, guitars, a studio tracking chart for "Jack & Diane" from 1981, and an oil painting by Mellencamp himself titled "Backbone (2022)", reworked from a previous self portrait of himself in 1993.

His latest album, *Strictly a One-Eyed Jack*, was released in 2022 and highlights more of Mellencamp's original songs. Another side of Mellencamp's artistic abilities is the art of painting; throughout his career, he's had exhibitions in LA with Miles Davis, solo exhibitions at the famous Butler Museum in Youngstown, Ohio, and several exhibits at ACA Galleries in New York City.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include **Samantha Bee: *Your Favorite Woman*** (April 29, 2023, Miller Theater), ***Girls Gotta Eat: Snack City Tour*** (May 11, 2023, Miller Theater), **Sasha Velour: *The Big Reveal Live Show*** (May 18, 2023, Perelman Theater), ***DC's Reflecting Fools*** (May 20, 2023, Perelman Theater), and **Kevin James: *The Irregardless Tour*** (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.

VIP Packages

Front Row VIP Package:

- One incredible reserved seated ticket in the front row*
- Live and In Person VIP Tour Pack
- Special Tour Pack created exclusively for VIPs
- Contains a collection of John Mellencamp themed merchandise

Diamond VIP Package:

- One amazing reserved seated ticket in the first ten (10) rows*
- Live and In Person VIP Tour Pack

- Special Tour Pack created exclusively for VIPs
- Contains a collection of John Mellencamp themed merchandise

Emerald VIP Package:

- One excellent reserved ticket*
- Live and In Person VIP Tour Pack
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John Mellencamp: *Live and In Person*

Miller Theater on the Kimmel Cultural Campus
 Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 8:00 p.m.

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Combining the power of the live event with a focus on true artist development, AEG Presents is a world leader in the music and entertainment industries. Operating across five continents, the company has an unparalleled commitment to artistry, creativity, and community. Its tentpole festivals and multi-day music events — which include the iconic Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival and the legendary New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival alongside British Summer Time at Hyde Park, Stagecoach, Hangout Festival, Electric Forest, and Firefly — continue to set the bar for the live music experience. AEG Presents promotes global tours for artists such as The Rolling Stones, Ed Sheeran, Elton John, Taylor Swift, Celine Dion, Justin Bieber, Kenny Chesney, Paul McCartney, and Katy Perry, in addition to — through its network of clubs, theatres, arenas, stadiums and renowned partner brands such as The Bowery Presents, Concerts West, Frontier Touring, Goldenvoice, Madison House Presents, Marshall Arts, Messina Touring Group, PromoWest Productions, and Zero Mile Presents — creating and developing an unmatched infrastructure for artist development and audience reach. More information can be found at www.aegpresents.com.

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, Pennsylvania 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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