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#1 New York Times @nyt (Facebook)/@nytimes (Instagram/Twitter) bestselling author and poet @rupikaur\_ (Twitter and Instagram)/@rupikaurpoetry (Facebook) returns to #Philly with a captivating performance in an all-new spoken word poetry experience @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 12/8. For more info, visit [kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://kimmelculturalcampus.org).

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## KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS POET, ARTIST, AND PERFORMER, RUPI KAUR, ON HER NEW WORLD TOUR DECEMBER 8, 2022

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (October 27, 2022) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents, in partnership with AEG, the return of #1 *New York Times* bestselling author **Rupi Kaur** in her all-new **World Tour**, at the Miller Theater (formerly the Merriam Theater) on the Campus on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 8:00 p.m.

Rupi Kaur captivates with an all-new spoken word poetry experience, taking audiences on a journey of personal loss and love, growth, mental health, community, friendship, and strength. Performing new unpublished pieces, with the accompaniment of music and projections, Kaur reads work from *home body*, *milk and honey*, and *the sun and her flowers*.

Rupi Kaur is an Indian-born Canadian poet and performer. Her works have been at the forefront of a new genre of social media centered on short and easily accessible poetry – “Instapoetry.” Modeled from Gurmukhi script (also called Sikh script), her work is written exclusively in lowercase, using only the period as a form of punctuation. Kaur writes this way to honor her culture, saying she enjoys the equality of letters and that the style reflects her worldview.

“Rupi Kaur is one of the world’s leading young poets and also a sensational spoken word artist,” said Frances Egler, Senior Director of Programming and Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. “Using her platform as an author, performer, and illustrator, Kaur inspires us to take a step back and make sure we don’t forget to take care of ourselves. It’s such an honor for us to bring her *World Tour* to Philadelphia.”

As a then 21-year-old university student, Kaur wrote, illustrated, and self-published her first poetry collection, *milk and honey*. Next came its artistic sibling, *the sun and her flowers*. These collections have sold over 10 million copies and been translated into over 42 languages. Her most recent book, *home body*, debuted #1 on bestsellers lists across the world. Her work

touches on love, loss, trauma, healing, femininity, and migration. In 2021, Kaur executive produced and starred in her debut film, *Rupi Kaur Live*, which is currently streaming on Amazon Prime Video.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include **ALOK** (November 5, 2022, Perelman Theater), **Harry Connick, Jr. A Holiday Celebration** (November 19, 2022, Academy of Music), **Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox: A Very Postmodern Christmas** (December 10, 2022, Miller Theater) and **A Soulful Christmas** (December 13, 2022, Verizon Hall).

### **Tickets**

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at [www.kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://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](http://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org) for more information.

### **Rupi Kaur: World Tour**

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December 8, 2022 at 8:00 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 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, coworkers, and programs [here](#).

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