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India's most celebrated comedian, headliner @Zakirism (Twitter)/@kuchhtobhizakir (Facebook)/@zakirkhan_208 (Instagram) kicks off his new national tour @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 9/2. For more info, visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS ACTOR AND COMEDIAN ZAKIR KHAN: *LIVE IN US* TOUR SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

Live in US Tour will take place in Hindi

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 2, 2021) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with Outback Presents, welcomes **Zakir Khan** to the Campus' Miller Theater (formerly Merriam Theater) for the start of his new tour, **Live In US**, on Friday, September 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

After selling 100,000+ tickets across the globe and two massively successful specials, *Haq Se Single* (2017) and *Kaksha Gyarvi* (2021), Zakir Khan is on the road once again with his latest stand-up show. Zakir Khan highlights comic elements in everyday life and is known for his "uniquely Indian" style of comedy, which involves him impeccably catching on to the emotions that are common to every Indian household. His entire *Live In US* tour will be in Hindi.

"Every year the Kimmel Cultural Campus presents a lineup of artists whose work and character reflect our diverse region," said Frances Egler, Senior Director of Programming and Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "Beloved in India, Zakir Khan brings his authentic and culturally significant humor to our city, kicking off his newest stand-up tour on our Campus."

As a comedian and actor, Khan rose to popularity by winning Comedy Central's India's Best Stand-Up Comedian competition in 2012. Having garnered over six million YouTube subscribers, he has also written and portrayed the protagonist in the Amazon Prime web series *Chacha Vidhavak Hain Humare*. Khan comes from a family of artists. He holds a diploma in Sitar – a plucked string instrument, originating from the Indian subcontinent – which is used in Hindustani classical music, and is an emerging Urdu poet.

In 2016, Khan created waves with his appearance on AIB Diwas. AIB (All India Bakchod) founder Tanmay Bhat described him as "the biggest stand-up comedy act in India. Period." Amazon Prime's *Haq Se Single* and *Kaksha Gyarvi*, are among the highest-rated specials by an Indian comedian.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include Whitney Cummings: *Touch Me Tour* (September 9, 2022, Miller Theater); **Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson** (September 23, 2022, Verizon Hall); *Wheel of Fortune Live!* (October 6, 2022, Academy of Music); **Daniel Howell:** *We're All Doomed!* (October 20, 2022, Miller Theater) and "*Weird Al*" *Yankovic: The Unfortunate Return of the Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour* (October 28, 2022, Miller 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.

Zakir Khan: Live In US

Kimmel Cultural Campus' Miller Theater (formerly Merriam Theater) September 2, 2022, 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 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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