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It's more fun than a trip to Shady Pines! #GoldenGirlsTheLaughsContinue brings laughs, cheesecake, and a perfect night out from Miami's sassiest seniors at @KimmelCC (X/Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook/Instagram), 10/27-10/28. Visit www.kimmelculturalcampus.org for info.

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# KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS GOLDEN GIRLS - THE LAUGHS CONTINUE, THE BRAND-NEW LAUGH-OUT-LOUD PARODY BASED ON THE CLASSIC TV SERIES, **OCTOBER 27 - 28, 2023**



"It doesn't get any better...a perfect night out!" - FOX5 DC

"Plenty of nostalgic laughs and cheesecakes!" - NBC Washington

"The Golden Girls are back — and funnier than ever!" – DC Theater Arts

A "side-splitting spectacular!" - Washington Blade

"Unlike any previous Golden Girls tributes you've seen before!" – The Georgetowner

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September 13, 2023) — Grab your best friends and head to Shady Pines! The Golden Girls are back and better than ever in a brand-new stage show that's more exciting than a trip to St. Olaf. The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with Murray & Peter Present, presents an all-new Golden Girls parody adventure, Golden Girls - The Laughs Continue at the Miller Theater for THREE performances on October 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Miami's sassiest seniors have returned for one more hurrah. It's 2023, and we find Sophia out on bail, after being busted by the DEA for running a drug ring for retirees. Blanche and Rose

have founded *CreakN*, a thriving sex app for seniors. And Dorothy is trying to hold it all together, with help from a new (much) younger sex-crazed lover. *Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue* allows audiences to relive the heartfelt hilarity of the four ladies who never stopped being best friends.

"From laughter that never fades to wisdom that only deepens with age, *The Golden Girls* remains a cultural phenomenon," said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming & Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "More than just a tribute to the iconic television show, *The Laughs Continue* promises an unforgettable night filled with love, laughter, and a reminder that we're never too old to make memories that will last a lifetime."

Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue is a professional stage show unlike any other Golden Girls tribute that you might have experienced. The show features character-driven antics from the acclaimed series while adding sex-positive plot points and updated references. While the beloved characters are the same, the fresh storyline follows brand new antics of the girls tackling modern-day problems.

The play is written by Robert Leleux, author of *The Memoirs of a Beautiful Boy* and *The Living End*. His work has also appeared in *The New York Times* and *The New York Times Magazine*, and his other plays have been produced across the country. Direction by Eric Swanson, who was the co-founder and Executive Director of The Detroit Actors' Theatre Company. The cast includes Ryan Bernier as Dorothy, Vince Kelley as Blanche, Adam Graber as Rose, Christopher Kamm as Sophia, and Jason Bowen as Stanley/Troy. The production is produced by Murray & Peter Present.

The Golden Girls originally aired on NBC from September 1985 to May 1992, with a total of 180 half-hour episodes, spanning seven seasons. The ensemble cast included Bea Arthur, Betty White, Rue McClanahan, and Estelle Getty. The television show tackled a wide range of societal issues in its seven seasons and is widely considered one of the top sitcoms of all time, heralded as boundary-breaking for highlighting issues including the HIV/AIDS epidemic, immigration, homosexuality, age discrimination, antisemitism, interracial marriage, and more.

The Golden Girls won several awards including the Primetime Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award for *Outstanding Comedy Series* twice. Each of the four stars received an Emmy<sup>®</sup> Award, making it one of only four sitcoms in the award's history to achieve this. In 2014, the Writers Guild of America placed the sitcom at number 69 in their list of the "101 Best Written TV Series of All Time."

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Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include *Eddie Izzard – The Remix: The First 35 Years* (September 14 – 15, Miller Theater); Tony Hinchcliffe: *Fully Groan Tour* (September 29, 2023, Miller Theater); Sir Patrick Stewart: *Making it So* (October 3, 2023, Perelman Theater); Aunty Donna: *The Magical Dead Cat Tour* (October 7, 2023, Perelman Theater); Nurse Blake: *Shock Advised Tour* (October 14, 2023, Miller Theater); Loreena McKennitt: *The Visit Revisited 30th Anniversary Tour* (October 20, 2023, Miller Theater); *Tribute to Jerry Blavat* (October 21, 2023, Academy of Music); *An Evening with the Late John Cleese* (October 25, 2023, Academy of Music); Steve Martin & Martin Short (October 27, Academy of Music); Jimmy Carr: *Terribly Funny* (November 11, 2023, Miller Theater); Ira Glass and Etgar Keret (November 15, 2023, Miller Theater) and David Spade: *Catch Me Inside* (December 2, 2023, Miller Theater).

#### **Tickets**

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at <a href="www.kimmelculturalcampus.org">www.kimmelculturalcampus.org</a>. 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 <a href="www.kimmelculturalcampus.org">www.kimmelculturalcampus.org</a> for more information.

Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue

Miller Theater on the Kimmel Cultural Campus Friday, October 27, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 7:30 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 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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