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NEW #FamilyFundays FREE programming announced on @KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook/Instagram)/@KimmelCC (Twitter), featuring local #Philly artists!

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**DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND  
KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS ANNOUNCES  
*FAMILY FUNDAYS*,  
EXPANDING FREE PLAZA EVENT SERIES  
SHOWCASING PHILLY ARTISTS**

**Participants include local Philly artists: Raising Music and The Puddle Jumpers, Flaco's Dance Factory, Hip Hop Fundamentals, and the Kimmel Cultural Campus high school-aged musical theater ShowStoppers**

**Featuring high energy presentations, demonstrations, and playful interactive activities engaging families in the arts**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, May 12, 2022) — Due to popular demand, the Kimmel Cultural Campus expands its new FREE Plaza performance series with *Family Fundays*, designed to engage family audiences through playful arts presentations and interactive activities. The new family-oriented events join the lineup of FREE Plaza activities announced earlier this year, including *Happy Hour Sessions*, *Lunchtime Unplugged*, and *Nightlife at the Kimmel*.

Taking place under the Kimmel Center's soaring 150-foot vaulted roof in the Plaza and adding to an already-full roster of more than two thousand events annually, the series highlights local artists and burgeoning student musicians.

“We are thrilled to kick off our *Family Fundays* series with a Joyful Jazz Journey, combining music with storytelling, visual art, and history,” said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. “We look forward to welcoming arts lovers of all ages for these mornings of learning and fun as part of our series of free programs in Plaza.”

For the most up-to-date listings and information about the new, FREE programming – including *Family Fundays*, *Happy Hour Sessions*, *Lunchtime Unplugged*, and *Nightlife*, please visit <https://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/>.

*Family Fundays* at the Kimmel are presented by PNC Grow Up Great®.

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**Free Plaza events are now playing 4-6 times per month, including:**

***Family Fundays at the Kimmel*** (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

It's family time on the Kimmel Cultural Campus! Gather the littlest arts lovers and enjoy 2 hours of creativity. Experience a lively spectrum of engaging activities, enchanting stage performances, and interactive demonstrations in our Plaza stage, engaging young minds with the transformative power of the arts.

***Happy Hour Sessions at the Kimmel*** (4:00 PM – 7:00 PM)

Meet up, mix, and mingle! Enjoy free, live entertainment from an eclectic roster of top-shelf DJs, bands, and emcees. Shake off the workday and head to the Kimmel to grab drinks and catch up with friends. Make visits to the Plaza a regular occasion.

Bar concessions by Garces.

***Lunchtime Unplugged at the Kimmel*** (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Make post-lunch slumps a thing of the past! Bring your lunch and picnic under the Plaza ceiling while listening to music that moves you. Enjoy free, live performances by emerging Philly artists, with acts in our lineup ranging from big bands to pianists.

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) encouraged.

***Nightlife at the Kimmel*** (8:00 PM – 10:30 PM)

Nightlife meets... something new! It's a free, intimate concert *and* a party – all powered by the best local musicians highlighting the brightest entertainment talent the region has to offer. From bebop to hip-hop, neo-soul to salsa, the music doesn't stop at the Kimmel after dark! An eclectic series of performance events in partnership with Jazz Philadelphia, REC Philly, and Jesse Bermudez alongside AFROTAINO Productions.

Bar concessions by Garces.

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**Family Fundays at the Kimmel schedule is below. For the most up-to-date listings, visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).**

## **FAMILY FUNDAYS AT THE KIMMEL**

**Kimmel Plaza**

**Saturday, May 28, 2022 | (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**

Featuring Raising Music and The Puddle Jumper's *Joyful Jazz Journey* alongside Pauline Houston-McCall & Friends

### Raising Music & Puddle Jumper's *Joyful Jazz Journey*

This *Family Funday* event will be an interactive morning of family fun featuring music, movement, storytelling, and artmaking. Reenact the story of a young John Coltrane; strut to the rhythms and mimic the sounds in a story about the musical styles of New Orleans; and honor the Art of Jacob Lawrence with bright bold shapes collating urban neighborhood landscapes.

Come celebrate all the colors of Jazz! Paint... Sing... Scat... Dance! From John Coltrane to Cab Calloway!

First, join us for a bright and colorful “make and take” art experience. We will honor the art of Jacob Lawrence with bright bold shapes, making collages of urban neighborhood landscapes. We will also honor and be inspired by the art of Picasso’s “Three Musicians”.

The music portion of the program will begin with a performance by the “Raising Music Ensemble” – Pauline Houston McCall accompanied by multi-instrumentalist Robb McCall – bringing sounds of folk, jazz, and blues to begin to weave the stories of *Jazz Journeys*.

Join us onstage or at your seats as we reenact the story of a young John Coltrane (with “A Loved Supreme”) as he runs through the alleys of North Philadelphia playing with his friends. We will travel through time and history and meet young Langston Hughes as he sat at a cafe listening to Billie Holiday sing.

We will travel down to the historic South to the rickety Jazz cafe! Join us for a New Orleans-style rhythm story, told together with hand rhythms, foot stomping, and sounds of saxophones and flutes.

Join us as we weave song, dance, sight, and sound!

### Pauline Houston McCall

Pauline Houston McCall is a multimedia artist, vocalist, and activist who believes deeply in connecting the threads between many disciplines.

Her large paintings and sculptures, as well as intimate drawings, have graced exhibitions throughout the tri-state area, with a deep focus on the falling and rising of the human spirit, told through figurative imagery and stories.

Her artistic practice ranges from large interior and exterior murals across Philadelphia, New Jersey, and New York, to her most recently commissioned installation of 19 paintings and sculptures at 30 Hudson Yards in New York City.

Pauline is also the lead vocalist, co-songwriter, and co-creator of soul music endeavor MOKA and folk soul project SPIRITUAL THUNDER. Both music projects continue to grace many

stages and have enjoyed massively positive reviews in many publications across the globe for their innovation, style, and originality.

Pauline is the founder and director of the nationally acclaimed women's artist collective "WOMEN HOLLER" – a collective that unites and invigorates women artists, transcending issues of race and age.

Pauline is also the Co-founder/Director of "Raising Music" and "Raising Art" — two highly interactive cultural music and art programs that travel to multiple schools and centers in the tri-state area.

## **FAMILY FUNDAYS AT THE KIMMEL**

**Kimmel Plaza**

**Sunday, June 5, 2022 | (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**

Featuring Hip Hop Fundamentals (HHF), with the Kimmel Cultural Campus high school aged musical theater ShowStoppers. Event is led by Kimmel Cultural Campus Education Program Coordinator and Dancer/Instructor/Co-Director HHF, Mark Wong.

### Hip Hop Fundamentals

Hip Hop Fundamentals is an award-winning team of diverse professional Breakdancers dedicated to Hip Hop education.

We are the world's only Breakdance education company using arts integration to blend academic and social content with the world's most dynamic dance form. We honor the Black cultural roots of Hip Hop by upholding traditions and teaching diversity.

As certified teaching artists, seasoned performers, and battle-tested dancers, we are passionately driven to inspire audiences and participants of all ages. We are here to help you with at-home learning and virtual services. Can't stop, won't stop!

We've worked with schools, community sites, cultural/social organizations, museums, educational conferences and government agencies to bring our unique method of Breaking education to youth and adults.

## **FAMILY FUNDAYS AT THE KIMMEL**

**Kimmel Plaza**

**Sunday, June 19, 2022 | (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM)**

Featuring Flaco's Dance Factory (Marck Best)

### Marck Best

Marck "Flaco" Best has been teaching popular forms of cultural social dance since 1997, with a particular focus on those rhythms that allow him to embrace his Cuban heritage. He is a tenured instructor with the Mt. Airy Learning Tree. After being trained by Monsieur Pierre Dulaine in his method, Flaco became one of the original teaching artists for Dancing Classrooms Philly, sister to the program in New York City used in the film Mad Hot Ballroom. Maestro Flaco continues to teach, perform, and choreograph, while conducting residencies in our schools to help ensure that future generations of dancers get the exposure, inspiration, and examples they need to empower them to make the choice to become professional artists.

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## **Safe & Clean Commitment**

The Kimmel Cultural Campus is proudly certified by the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#) – the gold standard for cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention programs.

We will always put the safety of our guests, artists, and staff first, and we have worked closely with partners, producers, artists, guests and other performing arts centers around the nation to develop the most comprehensive plan to safely reopen our doors. We are committing to a healthy and clean environment with increased disinfection, enhanced ventilation, and will enforce recommended health authority guidelines, including masks and proof of vaccination.

Masks are required to be worn at all times when on the Kimmel Cultural Campus, except when actively consuming food or beverage in designated locations. Prolonged periods of mask removal are not permitted.

All attendees for public events must show proof of full vaccination at the time of entry, with valid photo ID and copy of vaccination card (physical or photo). Children under 5 are no longer required to show a negative PCR test or negative rapid result when accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult.

This policy is subject to change based upon guidance from the CDC and local health authorities. For more information on our [Safe & Clean Commitment](#) and the most up-to-date information about our policies, please visit [kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://kimmelculturalcampus.org).

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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. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the proud Kimmel Cultural Campus Season Sponsor. 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, co-workers, and programs [here](#).

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