Kimmel Center

for the performing arts

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts Academy of Music

Merriam Theater

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Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts Facts and Figures

Opened: December 16, 2001

Building Cost: \$265 million

Broad and Spruce Streets on the Avenue of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA Location:

Hours of Operation: Open daily from 10am to 6pm and later on performance evenings

Tickets: 215-893-1999 Contact:

Administrative Offices: 215-790-5800

www.kimmelcenter.org

Description:

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is a world-class performing arts destination in the heart of Philadelphia. The centerpiece of the city's Avenue of the Arts, the Kimmel Center consists of two freestanding performance halls enclosed beneath a spectacular 150-foot vaulted glass ceiling or, in the words of architect Rafael Viñoly, "two jewels inside a glass box." Notable architectural facts include 61,048 linear feet of structural steel tubing supporting the glass roof; 1,400 tons of steel supporting the glass end walls and 156,677 square feet (3.6 acres) of glass glazing.

Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, The Philly Pops®, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, PHILADANCO, American Theater Arts for Youth, Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, Opera

Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet

Venues:

- Verizon Hall, a 2,500-seat cello-shaped concert hall with state-of-the-art acoustics designed specifically for The Philadelphia Orchestra.
- Perelman Theater, a versatile 650-seat theater with a rotating stage to accommodate dance, chamber music and full-scale theatrical productions.
- **Innovation Studio**, an intimate "black box" theater space located on the lower mezzanine.

Features:

- Commonwealth Plaza, a public gathering place featuring a small stage where emerging local and regional artists offer free performances.
- Dorrance H. Hamilton Garden, a roof-top garden available for any special occasion.
- Merck Arts Education Center, an interactive space for classes, Teen Summer Arts Camps and other special educational events.
- Rendell Room, a versatile classroom facility acoustically designed for choral rehearsals.
- Restaurant, opening winter 2012 featuring cuisine of renowned Iron Chef Jose Garces

Additional Facilities: PECO Café; Annex and K Lounges; Applause Gift Shop; Underground Parking Garage

Free themed tours, including Building & Theater Tours and Art & Architecture Tours, are conducted **Building Tours:**

throughout the week by experienced guides. Visit www.kimmelcenter.org/free for more information.