

KIMMEL CENTER
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Academy of Music
Merriam Theater
2010-11 Season

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Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts Facts and Figures

- Opened:** December 16, 2001
- Building Cost:** \$265 million
- Location:** Broad and Spruce Streets on the Avenue of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA
- Hours of Operation:** Open daily from 10am to 6pm and later on performance evenings
- Contact:** Tickets: 215-893-1999
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, Peter Nero and 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.
 - **Cadence Restaurant**, upscale dining on the Kimmel Center's second tier with a large outdoor terrace overlooking Broad Street. Restaurant hours vary according to Verizon Hall performance schedule. More information and reservations available by calling 215-670-2388.
 - **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.
- Additional Facilities:** PECO Café; Annex and K Lounges; Applause Gift Shop; Underground Parking Garage
- Building Tours:** Free themed tours, including Building & Theater Tours and Art & Architecture Tours, are conducted throughout the week by experienced guides. Visit www.kimmelcenter.org/free for more information.