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KIMMEL CENTER ANNOUNCES 2017/18 JAZZ SEASON

LINEUP INCLUDES JAZZ GREATS

**HERBIE HANCOCK; REGINA CARTER; JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA
WITH WYNTON MARSALIS & CHICK COREA;
A UNIQUE ORGAN PROGRAM FEATURING BRANFORD MARSALIS;
AND MORE!**

MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIENCE JAZZ @ THE KIMMEL

TICKETS GO ON SALE TODAY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, June 6, 2017) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts proudly announces programming for the 2017/18 Jazz Season featuring internationally-acclaimed artists, local talent, and crossover programming that highlights the genre in new ways. The upcoming season features a wide range of programming across the Kimmel Center Campus that showcases the evolution of jazz from its legendary history in Philadelphia to new artists continuing to create and recreate music for the future. For a full list of programs, please see below.

The 2017/18 season will kick off on October 4 with Grammy Award-winning pianist Herbie Hancock. The remainder of the season explores a wide array of jazz sensibilities with the following artists: Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia, Afro-Cuban All Stars, Philadelphia-based vocalist Laurin Talese, saxophonist Branford Marsalis in a program with organist Jean-Willy Kunz, jazz violinist Regina Carter, and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis in concert with the legendary Chick Corea.

“It is important to us that our Jazz Season reaches broad and diverse audiences through an eclectic approach to the genre and this season truly showcases jazz from every angle,” said Anne Ewers,

President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “This lineup has something for everyone, from jazz legends like Herbie Hancock and Chick Corea to newer artists like Laurin Talese. We are honored to continue preserving jazz in our city through this incredible programming.”

Tickets

Tickets for the Jazz Season go on sale to the public on June 5. Save 10% by purchasing a 3-show package or save 15% by purchasing 4 or more shows.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

A complete list of the 2017/18 Jazz Season programming can be found below:

HERBIE HANCOCK

Verizon Hall

October 4, 2017

Herbie Hancock remains where he has always been – at the forefront of world culture, technology, business, and music. In addition to being recognized as a legendary pianist and composer, Herbie Hancock has been an integral part of every popular music movement since the 1960s. He returns to the Kimmel Center for one evening only!

JAZZ ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA

Monk's Dream

Celebrating the music of Thelonius Monk

Special guest pianists Orrin Evans and Eric Reed

Perelman Theater

December 2, 2017

Led by world-renowned trumpet player and educator Terell Stafford, Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia is quickly becoming the face of Philadelphia jazz, establishing the city as a national and international destination for music lovers. They return to the Kimmel Center with a program celebrating jazz legend Thelonius Monk. 2017 marks the centennial anniversary of Monk's birth.

JUAN DE MARCOS AND THE AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS

Merriam Theater

January 12, 2018

The Afro-Cuban All Stars is a unique orchestra, devoted to promoting the complete story of Cuban music. With each show, the orchestra exposes Cuba's rich musical history, interpreting all of its musical genres. The Afro-Cuban All Stars are led by Juan de Marcos, who was the music director of the Buena Vista Social Club.

LAURIN TALESE PRESENTS NANCY WILSON: THE SONG STYLIST

Perelman Theater

February 10, 2018

Like Nancy Wilson, Laurin Talese is an Ohio native with an affinity for enchanting lyrics, entrancing melodies, and stories to be told. You don't want to miss this carefully curated performance in tribute to the iconic Wilson, one of Talese's biggest influences.

MARSALIS & KUNZ: A DUET OF SAXOPHONE & ORGAN

Verizon Hall

February 16, 2018

Branford Marsalis has stayed the course. From his early acclaim as a saxophonist bringing new energy and new audiences to the jazz art, he has refined and expanded his talents and his horizons as a musician, composer, bandleader, and educator – a 21st century mainstay of artistic excellence. Mr. Marsalis will be performing with organist Jean-Willy Kunz in a special performance highlighting the brilliant sounds of saxophone and organ.

REGINA CARTER

Perelman Theater

March 24, 2018

Regina Carter's upcoming album, *Ella: Accentuate the Positive*, and touring program, *Simply Ella*, mark the 100th birthday of a musical legend. With her distinctive jazz violin and quintet, the program celebrates the incomparable Ella Fitzgerald – the source of Regina's musical inspiration and influence she has cherished throughout her life.

JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MARSALIS AND CHICK COREA

Academy of Music

April 8, 2018

Grammy Award winner and NEA Jazz master Chick Corea joins the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis to explore the work of master pianist and composer, Thelonious Monk. The band's brilliant arrangers coupled with Corea's masterful, original take on Monk's harmonies will demonstrate why this repertoire is a definitive platform for thoughtful improvisation and high quality jazz.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The 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, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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