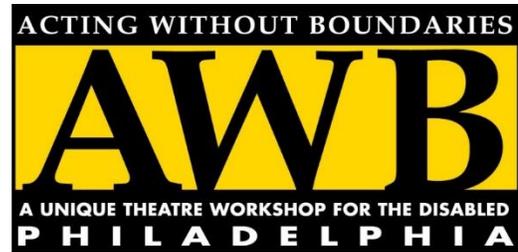




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NEWS: @AWBPhilly celebrates Philly Theatre Week with a new performance @KimmelCenter sponsored by #TheatrePhilly #AWB #PhillyTheatreWeek. This is a FREE event. More info at kimmelcenter.org

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ACTING WITHOUT BOUNDARIES (AWB) CELEBRATES PHILLY THEATRE WEEK WITH NEW, ONE-DAY-ONLY PERFORMANCE AT THE KIMMEL CENTER

**AWB presents *Journeys*, a celebration of life, love, and the enduring human
spirit that keeps us all moving forward
Saturday, February 8 at 2PM**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, December 19, 2019) — Acting Without Boundaries (AWB) is excited to announce it is celebrating Philly Theatre Week with *Journeys*, a celebration of life, love, and the enduring human spirit that keeps us all moving forward. This musical collage will take place on Saturday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kimmel Center's Rendell Room, traveling through the best of AWB and the many journeys that we all take in life.

In conjunction with Theatre Philadelphia and Philly Theatre Week, AWB company members will perform songs and select scenes from Broadway's greatest musicals. There will be a talk-back and discussion immediately following the performance. AWB is a unique theatre workshop for kids, teens, and young adults with physical disabilities.

Since its inception in 2004, AWB continues to be the only program of its kind in Greater Philadelphia, drawing actors from all over the region, including Bucks County, Delaware, and New Jersey. The confidence building that happens at AWB comes from providing a safe environment for the exploration of creative expression through drama, facilitating a supportive network of peers. Many actors and their parents describe the AWB community as a family, where lasting friendships are made and continue to grow.

"When I started AWB I had a vision – to help a small group of young people struggling with physical disabilities who wanted to perform. Over the years, one of my greatest joys has been witnessing our actors mature and blossom both on and off stage. As we head into our 16th year, collaborating with the Kimmel Center and Theatre Philadelphia for Philly Theatre Week feels like a dream come true," said Christine Rouse, Founder and Executive Director of AWB.

The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is thrilled to host AWB for a second consecutive year, as part of extensive FREE programming offered all season long. Designed to reflect the broad and diverse interests of Philadelphia audiences, FREE programming ranges from jazz to Latin music, Broadway showtunes to organ demonstrations, community chat-backs to seasonal happenings. For additional & the most up-to-date information on these FREE events or any Kimmel Center Cultural Campus event, please visit www.kimmelcenter.org

ACTING WITHOUT BOUNDARIES: *JOURNEYS*
Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Rendell Room
February 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets

AWB Presents *Journeys* is FREE. Ticket reservations are highly recommended and can be reserved by calling 215-893-1999, online at www.kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. More information at www.kimmelcenter.org. Walk-ins will be welcomed upon availability.

Acting Without Boundaries

Mission Statement: Transforming lives and building self-esteem in an empowering community of people with physical disabilities through theater that celebrates ability.

AWB lives out its mission by:

- Challenging perceptions about people with disabilities and their capabilities.
- Producing professional quality theater in nontraditional ways.
- Teaching performing arts skills through year-round programs and workshops that build confidence on –stage and beyond.
- Creating a community of support for people with physical disabilities and their families.
- Giving back to the community through performances and presentations.

The Kimmel Center 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 the **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, the **Academy of Music**, and 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 eight esteemed Resident Companies: **The Philadelphia Orchestra, 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 our proud sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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