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Pop Icon @AdamAOfficial performs landmark solo album "Friend or Foe" and other fan favorites at the @KimmelCenter on 9/20. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS  
POP ICON ADAM ANT  
FOR THE USA TOUR OF HIS LANDMARK SOLO ALBUM  
*FRIEND OR FOE*  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, August 15, 2019) – Following a world tour to sold-out venues, pop icon **Adam Ant** will perform his landmark solo album *Friend or Foe* for the first time, live in its entirety, throughout the USA from September 4 to October 1. The tour will stop in Philadelphia on Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater. In addition to the breakthrough album, Adam Ant will play classic chart-topping singles and personal favorites.

"Adam Ant's eccentric stage presence has entertained audiences worldwide over four decades," said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We are elated to host this global superstar on our Cultural Campus, where we're not only home to rock heroes, but diverse programming and education opportunities all year long, from jazz to comedy, family-friendly fun to classical to Broadway."

The *Friend or Foe* album was Ant's first release as a solo artist and included three hit singles. The massive hit "Goody Two Shoes" reached #1 in the UK, was also #1 in Australia, and hit #6 on the USA Billboard Chart.

“Friend or Foe”, the single, was another top ten hit in the UK, while “Desperate But Not Serious” was the album’s third UK smash. *Friend or Foe*, his most successful solo album to date, made #5 in the UK and was certified gold album status on both sides of the Atlantic after selling over 100,000 copies. In the USA, the album reached #16 on the Billboard album chart and turned Adam Ant into a household name, resulting in a Grammy® nomination for Best New Artist and an MTV Award for “Sexiest Man Alive”.

From his early punk days in London to his explosion on the world stage that would lead to him becoming an icon, Adam Ant’s musical career spans the course of nine albums and 22 chart-topping singles worldwide. At one point, Ant had eight singles in the UK Top 40 in one week. His 1979 debut album *Dirk Wears White Sox* was the first number one album in the UK Independent Albums Chart.

The follow-up album, *Kings of the Wild Frontier*, that featured his trademark Burundi beat style of African drumming, spent 12 weeks at #1 in the UK and was the best-selling album of 1981. The *Kings of the Wild Frontier* album produced three UK chart-topping singles: “Dog Eat Dog” at #4, “Antmusic” at #2, and “Kings of the Wild Frontier” at #2, and won Ant a Brit Award for Best New Artist.

On its day of release, the smash hit single “Stand and Deliver” went straight to #1 and remained at the top spot in the UK singles chart for five weeks, earning Ant two prestigious Ivor Novello Awards for Best Songwriter of the Year and Best British Record.

As “Antmania” continued to sweep the nation, his next *Prince Charming* album produced yet another #1 single, “Prince Charming”, and firmly established Adam Ant as a global star.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***The Strings/Keys Incident – An Evening with Joanna Newsom*** (September 6 – 7, 2019, Perelman Theater); ***Eric Andre: Legalize Everything Tour*** (September 17, 2019, Merriam Theater); ***Randy Rainbow Live!*** (September 21, 2019, Merriam Theater); ***A Night with Janis Joplin*** (September 24, 2019, Merriam Theater); and ***Black Violin: Impossible Tour*** (November 8, 2019, Academy of Music).

#### **ADAM ANT: FRIEND OR FOE**

**Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater**

*September 20, 2019, 8:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$39.50. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.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. See [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org) for more information.

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dynamic entertainment experiences at dozens of venues nationally, presenting thousands of shows annually. For more information visit [www.bowerypresents.com](http://www.bowerypresents.com).

### **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](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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