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The hilarious and honest star of @nbcnl, @lesdoggg, will deliver sidesplitting laughs in #AnEveningWithLeslieJones at the @KimmelCenter on 7/13. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS HOSTS
AN EVENING WITH LESLIE JONES
FOR AN UPROARIOUS NIGHT OF STAND-UP COMEDY WITH
THE BREAKOUT *SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE* STAR
AT THE MERRIAM THEATER
JULY 13, 2019**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, June 13, 2019) – Emmy® nominated actress, comedian, writer, and celebrated television personality, **Leslie Jones**, offers a night of brand-new stand-up comedy at the Kimmel Center’s Merriam Theater on July 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in ***An Evening with Leslie Jones***. This performance, presented in conjunction with Live Nation, will be part of a tour filmed for Jones’ upcoming Netflix special.

“Leslie Jones has been a fan favorite on the ever popular *Saturday Night Live*, breathing new life into the long running show,” said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Praised for her sidesplitting comedy, delivery and enthusiasm, her distinctive comedic style and passion shines through in all that she does. We are thrilled to bring this new tour to our audiences for what is sure to be an evening of edgy comedy.”

Leslie Jones is an entertainment powerhouse. She recently completed her third season on long-standing sketch show *Saturday Night Live*, where she has served as both writer and featured player. Her work on the show has garnered her an Emmy® Award nomination and inclusion on the *Time* 100 List. As a

popular television personality, she has covered the most recent summer and winter Olympics on behalf of NBC and was the host of the 2017 BET Awards.

Jones also starred in Paul Feig's reboot of *Ghostbusters*, alongside Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, and Kate McKinnon. Her other film credits include Chris Rock's *Top Five*, Judd Apatow's *Trainwreck*, and the animated film *Sing*. This summer, she will be featured in a lead voice role in *The Angry Birds Movie 2* for Sony Pictures. Jones' opening guest for the evening is comedian Lenny Marcus.

Other featured upcoming performances at Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Bring It! Live*** (July 11, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***Smart Funny & Black with Amanda Seales*** (July 21, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***LATIN HISTORY FOR MORONS Written By and Starring John Leguizamo*** (July 19-20, 2019, Merriam Theater), and ***Adam Ant: Friend or Foe*** (September 20, 2019, Merriam Theater).

AN EVENING WITH LESLIE JONES

Merriam Theater

July 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$39.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at 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 for more information.

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. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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