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Drag Icon @TheBiancaDelRio's brand-new comedy tour "It's Jester Joke" will be at the @KimmelCenter for a night of hilarity on 10/2. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
WELCOMES RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE CHAMPION  
BIANCA DEL RIO FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN TOUR OF  
BRAND-NEW COMEDY SHOW *IT'S JESTER JOKE*  
OCTOBER 2, 2019**

**"The Joan Rivers of the Drag World." – *THE NEW YORK TIMES***

**"The queen of all *Drag Race* queens." - *VULTURE***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, September 9, 2019) – Following global sold-out tours, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, in association with AEG, welcomes comedy queen and *RuPaul's Drag Race* champion **Bianca Del Rio** for her brand-new comedy show *It's Jester Joke* on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at the Perelman Theater. The self-proclaimed "clown in a gown" tells tales of her worldwide adventures and the outrageous circus that is her life in her comical "tell it like it is" voice, covering life from politics to travel, family, and social media.

"Since her unprecedented win on *RuPaul's Drag Race*, Bianca Del Rio has risen to superstar status," said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "The iconic drag queen's vivacious energy captures the attention of millions across many platforms. We are delighted to bring her history-making tour to Philadelphia and our Kimmel

Center Cultural Campus, where we present groundbreaking comedy and celebrate diversity all year long.”

Bianca’s brand new *It’s Jester Joke* tour will span the continent this fall, bringing her irreverent, side-splitting comedy to over 40 cities, including the first-ever drag queen performance at NYC’s legendary Carnegie Hall, in what will be the biggest ever solo drag show tour in North America.

Bianca Del Rio is the season six winner of the hit TV series *RuPaul’s Drag Race*. The beloved entertainer once known as Roy Haylock emerged on the New Orleans nightclub circuit and has since become a drag superstar, earning awards – including NewNowNext’s Best New Television Personality – performing sold-out shows around the world, gaining critical acclaim from *The New York Times*, penning a book – *Blame it on Bianca Del Rio* – and amassing over 1.7M followers on Instagram.

From her home base in Los Angeles, Bianca Del Rio continues to tour the world, captivating fans with her sharp wit, dismembering humor, and perceptive commentary in a brash, metro kick to the ego – everything and everyone is her target. Don’t miss your chance to see Bianca Del Rio in her fiercely funny new show in 2019.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Randy Rainbow Live!** (September 21, 2019, Merriam Theater), **The Office! A Musical Parody** (September 28 – 29, 2019, Merriam Theater), **Cristela Alonzo: My Affordable Care Act** (October 10, 2019, Academy of Music), and **Dena Blizzard: One Funny Mother** (October 19, 2019, Perelman Theater).

#### **BIANCA DEL RIO: IT’S JESTER JOKE**

**Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Perelman Theater**

*October 2, 2019, 8:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$49.50. 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.

#### **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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