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He'll say everything you're afraid to – and make you cry from laughing at the same time! Comedic genius @BillMaher is coming to the @KimmelCenter 9/9

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COMEDIC GENIUS AND POLITICAL COMMENTATOR BILL MAHER RETURNS TO THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, August 4, 2016) — For more than 20 years, comedian **Bill Maher** has pushed the boundaries of where funny, political talk can go on American television, and now this Emmy® Award-winning comedian will return to Philadelphia's Academy of Music on Friday, September 9 at 8:00 p.m., for the first time since 2014. This performance is presented by the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in association with Larry Magid Entertainment.

"Rarely do we see an artist with such a keen ability to take a dividing topic like politics, use it to bring a smile to audience's faces and draw people together," said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Bill Maher's performances are the perfect combination of entertainment and education, a balance for which we continually strive at the Kimmel Center."

First on "Politically Incorrect" (Comedy Central, ABC 1993-2002) and for the last thirteen years on HBO's "Real Time," Maher's combination of unflinching honesty and big laughs have garnered him 24 Emmy® nominations. In October of 2008, the same combination was on display in Maher's uproarious and unprecedented swipe at organized religion, "Religulous," directed by Larry Charles of *Borat*. The documentary has gone on to become the 8th highest grossing documentary ever.

Maher started his career as a stand-up comedian in 1979 and still performs more than 50 dates a year in Las Vegas and in sold-out theaters all across the country. Three of his ten stand-up specials for HBO have been nominated for Emmy® Awards.

In addition to his television programming – which has featured regular visitors like Howard Dean, Ben Affleck, Robin Williams, Arianna Huffington, Cory Booker, and Michael Moore. Maher is also a five-time

bestselling author. His bestsellers include: *True Story*, *Does Anybody Have a Problem with that? Politically Incorrect's Greatest Hits*, *When you Ride Alone, You Ride with Bin Laden*, *New Rules: Polite Musings from a Timid Observer*, and most recently *The New New Rules: A Funny Look at How Everybody But Me Has Their Head Up Their Ass*.

BILL MAHER

Academy of Music

September 9, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are available now and start at \$49. 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.

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

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