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3-Time #Grammy Award winner @brucehornsby comes to the @KimmelCenter Cultural Campus for a spectacular performance with @yMusicNYC on 3/4. Get more info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS WELCOMES THREE-TIME  
GRAMMY® AWARD-WINNING MUSICIAN  
BRUCE HORNSBY AND THE DYNAMIC YMUSIC TO THE  
MERRIAM THEATER  
MARCH 4, 2020**

**“From boogie-woogie to avant-garde classical,  
this virtuosic tour of Hornsby’s talent was richly rewarding”  
-THE GUARDIAN**

**“Relevancy is an ambition that countless artists strive for, yet so few actually achieve.  
Iconic pianist Bruce Hornsby can proudly count himself among those fortunate few.”  
-GLIDE MAGAZINE**

**“yMusic is one of the groups that has really helped to shape the future of classical music.”  
-NPR**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** - (Philadelphia, PA, February 11, 2020) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus welcomes three-time Grammy® Award-winning multi-instrumentalist **Bruce Hornsby** to the Merriam Theater on March 4, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Hornsby has impressively built one of the most diverse, collaborative, and adventurous careers in contemporary music.

Accompanying Hornsby is the six-person classical polymath ensemble, **yMusic**, known for playfully overstepping the boundaries of musical genres. Together, this performance will showcase each's ability to continue to push forward into exciting new musical terrain.

"Presenting a wide range of genres, from rock and jazz to Broadway and comedy, is one of our top priorities on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus," said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "This unique concert experience weaves Hornsby's rock and bluegrass background with classical and contemporary, and we know this will be appealing to diverse musical backgrounds and tastes."

Bruce's career first took off when he released his widely popular hit "The Way It Is" with his band the Range in 1986. After the success of Bruce's single, he released his album of the same name, which later went on to become platinum certified. During the following year, Bruce went on to win a Grammy® Award for Best New Artist, beating out Glass Tiger, Timbuk3, and Nu Shooz. In 1988, Hornsby appeared on stage with The Grateful Dead, a collaboration that would continue until The Grateful Dead's last performance years later. Bruce has also made appearances on albums with Bob Dylan, Robbie Robertson; Clannad; Crosby, Stills, and Nash; and Stevie Nicks.

Hornsby released his first solo album, *Harbor Lights*, in 1993. The jazz-oriented record featured an all-star lineup, including Pat Metheny, Branford Marsalis, Jerry Garcia, Phil Collins, and Bonnie Raitt. This project led Hornsby to secure his third Grammy® Award for Best Pop Instrumental for "Barcelona Mona", which was composed with Branford Marsalis for the Barcelona Olympics. For the release of his newest album *Absolute Zero*, Bruce found himself returning to traditional American roots forms, while collaborating with Ricky Skaggs in the process.

yMusic, a sextet ensemble band, has recently been taking the classical scene by storm by playing original classical music while incorporating a modern, contemporary sound. Founded in New York City in 2008, yMusic believes in presenting excellent, emotionally communicative music, regardless of style or idiom. Their creative and artistic talent (string trio, flute, clarinet, and trumpet) has attracted the attention of high-profile collaborators – from Paul Simon to Ben Folds – and have inspired original works by some of today's foremost composers, including Nico Muhly, Missy Mazzoli, and Andrew Norman. They have received critical acclaim from well-known publications such as *NPR*, *The New Yorker*, and *Pitchfork*.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Lewis Black: *It Gets Better Every Day*** (March 6, 2020, Merriam Theater), **Paula Poundstone** (March 7, 2020, Merriam Theater), **MasterChef Junior Live!** (March 11, 2020, Merriam Theater), **Ethan Lipton & his orchestra** (March 14, 2020, SEI Innovation Studio), and **Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles** (March 13-15, 2020, Merriam Theater).

### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$30.00. 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 also 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

### **BRUCE HORNSBY & yMUSIC**

**Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Merriam Theater**

*March 4, 2020, 8:00 p.m.*

### **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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