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Grammy-winning Jazz legend @ChickCorea's trilogy, #Philadelphia native @McBridesWorld, and drum master @BrianBlade, will perform at @KimmelCenter's on 10/27, part of 2019-20 jazz series! More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
GRAMMY®-WINNING
CHICK COREA TRILOGY WITH CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE AND BRIAN BLADE
OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**"A luminary, ebullient and eternally youthful."
- THE NEW YORK TIMES**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, September 9, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus welcomes the **Chick Corea Trilogy with Christian McBride and Brian Blade** to Verizon Hall on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. This powerhouse collaborative brings together 22-time Grammy®-winning Jazz legend **Chick Corea**; 6-time Grammy®-winning Jazz bassist and Philadelphia native, **Christian McBride**; and one of the most requested and recorded figures in the music world today & widely respected drum master, **Brian Blade**. This unforgettable performance is part of the Kimmel Center's 2019/20 Jazz Season.

This trio's first outing, 2014's landmark triple-disc set, earned *Trilogy* two Grammy® Awards. *Trilogy* documents this trio interpreting classic Chick compositions, previously unreleased pieces by the pianist, an array of jazz standards, and even a Prelude by Alexander Smith.

“Chick Corea is a living legend and has been at the forefront of the Jazz community for more than half a century, and we are delighted to have the unparalleled talent of his trilogy as a staple of this year’s 2019/20 Jazz season,” said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Each season in this series, and even moreso through our ongoing Jazz Residency program, we foster the presentation of innovative jazz, an artform that has – and will continue to have – a storied legacy in Philadelphia.”

Chick Corea is one of the most cherished artists in the music industry, attaining iconic status. The keyboardist, composer, and bandleader is a *DownBeat* Hall of Famer and NEA Jazz Master, as well as the fourth-most nominated artist in Grammy® Awards history with 63 nominations, in addition to a number of Latin Grammys. From straight-ahead to avant-garde, bebop to jazz-rock fusion, children’s songs to chamber and symphonic works, Chick has touched an astonishing number of musical bases in his career since playing with the genre-shattering bands of Miles Davis in the late ’60s and early ’70s.

Philadelphia native Christian McBride is a four-time Grammy®-winning jazz bassist. Likened to a force of nature, McBride fuses the fire and fury of a virtuoso with the depth and grounding of a seasoned journeyman. Powered by a relentless energy and a boundless love of swing, McBride’s path has described a continuous positive arc since his arrival on the scene. With a career now blazing into its third decade, the Philadelphia native has become one of the most requested, most recorded, and most respected figures in the music world today.

Brian Blade, the multi-talented young veteran, is already widely respected in the jazz world as drummer/composer/leader of Brian Blade and The Fellowship Band, with whom he has released three albums. He is also known as the drummer for many heroes of the music world, including Daniel Lanois, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Wayne Shorter, Seal, Bill Frisell, and Emmylou Harris. Brian Blade was born on July 25, 1970 in Shreveport, Louisiana. During his childhood, Brian would hear Gospel music in his everyday life, as well as the music of Al Green, Stevie Wonder, Earth, Wind and Fire, and the Staple Singers.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***Black Violin*** (November 8, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***An Evening with Sutton Foster*** (November 22, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***Béla Fleck & The Flecktones*** (December 3, 2019, Verizon Hall), ***Rachael & Vilrary*** (December 13, 2019, Perelman Theater), and ***Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis*** (May 17, 2020, Academy of Music.)

CHICK COREA TRILOGY WITH CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE AND BRIAN BLADE

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Verizon Hall

October 27, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$55.00. 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

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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.

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