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**2017 AFROPUNK BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNER
& KIMMEL CENTER THEATER RESIDENT ALUM
COURTNEE ROZE
PRESENTS *THE CULTURE* IN SEI INNOVATION STUDIO
OCTOBER 26 – 28, 2017**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, August 31, 2017) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is proud to welcome back 2015/16 Theater Resident and 2017 AfroPunk Battle of the Bands winner **Courtnee Roze** as she brings her new work, *The Culture*, to the **SEI Innovation Studio October 26 -28, 2017**. She will be performing the music she created in Philadelphia during her Kimmel Center Theater Residency. Roze is a percussionist, lyricist, writer, and bandleader based in New York.

She will take audiences on a musical journey through her life, highlighting various influences that have inspired her sound-- hitting on issues such as racism and love. A symbol of female empowerment playing a powerful instrument, Roze's music is a fusion of afro beats, funk, and spoken word. *The Culture* will not only feature a diverse musical soundtrack, but will include non-traditional vocal patterns, dance and tactical staging.

"It is an honor to present Courtnee Roze's *The Culture*, a work she began developing during our 2015/16 Theater Residency under the guidance of our producing Artistic Director Jay Wahl," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Self-described as 'cut from a different cloth,' we know Roze's powerful presentation and themes will entice a broad and diverse audience to the Center."

Roze has performed and collaborated with celebrated musicians including J. Cole, Beyoncé, Alicia Keys, and Tony Award winner Lachanze. She continues to deliver diverse and memorable performances, instilling that drums and percussion are the heartbeat of music.

This is a designated BYO performance, a new feature at select performances in the SEI Innovation Studio. Acceptable forms of BYO are 6-pack of beer and/or 750ml bottles of wine only; no liquor or open containers are permitted. Limit of one (1) 750ml bottle of wine OR one (1) six-pack of beer per two patrons. Corkscrews and rolling coolers are not permitted. Ice, cups and corking service available at venue at no cost. All BYO Night patrons are subject to lawful ID checks and bag checks at the manager's discretion.

COURTNEE ROZE: THE CULTURE

SEI Innovation Studio

October 26, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

October 27, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

October 28, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale and are \$20.00. 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.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The 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, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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