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Comedian @Cristela9 will be at the @KimmelCenter for her hysterical new stand-up #comedy tour #MyAffordableCareAct on 10/10! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
PRESENTS HILARIOUS COMEDIAN
CRISTELA ALONZO FOR ALL-NEW STAND-UP TOUR
MY AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, September 9, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presents comedian **Cristela Alonzo** for her hilarious new stand-up tour, *My Affordable Care Act*, on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Perelman Theater.

“Cristela Alonzo is a refreshing voice in the world of stand-up comedy, and we are thrilled to have her as part of our growing comedy offerings,” said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Using the medium to inform audiences on important issues in a way that is accessible to audiences of diverse backgrounds, she is a comedic tour-de-force, ensuring *My Affordable Care Act* is equal parts humorous and discerning.”

Cristela Alonzo is a stand-up comedian who made TV history in 2014 by becoming the first Latina to create, write, and star in a network TV sitcom named *Cristela*. Cristela was also the first Latina to star in a Disney Pixar movie when she starred as Cruz Ramirez in *Cars 3*.

Cristela served as one of the most popular guest hosts on ABC’s *The View* and has a one-hour stand-up special, *Lower Classy*, currently streaming on Netflix. She also had her own half hour special for

Comedy Central and has made appearances on Comedy Central's show *The Half Hour*, *Conan*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and *The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson*.

Aside from comedy, Cristela focuses on advocacy work, fighting for issues like immigration, universal healthcare, and lower income communities with numerous organizations, including Special Olympics Texas, People for the United Way, Planned Parenthood, and LUPE (La Union del Pueblo Entero). She serves as advisory board member for Define American.

Cristela is based in LA and her first book, *Music to My Years: A Mixtape-Memoir of Growing Up and Standing Up*, will be released by Atria Books under Simon & Schuster on October 8, 2019. In this memoir full of humor and heart, Cristela shares personal stories of growing up as a first-generation Mexican-American in Texas and following her dreams to pursue a career in comedy. Cristela shares her experiences and struggles of being a first-generation American, her dreams of becoming a comedian, and how it feels to be a creator in a world that often minimizes people of color and women. Her stories range from the ridiculous—like the time she made her own tap shoes out of bottle caps or how the theme song of *The Golden Girls* landed her in the principal's office—to the sobering moments, like how she turned to stand-up comedy to grieve the heartbreaking loss of her mother and how, years later, she's committed to giving back to the community that helped make her.

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), **Dena Blizzard: One Funny Mother** (October 19, 2019, Perelman Theater), and **Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live: The Great Cheesy Movie Circus Tour** (October 25, 2019, Merriam Theater).

CRISTELA ALONZO: MY AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Perelman Theater

October 10, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$39.00. 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

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.

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