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**WORLD RENOWNED *DRUMLINE LIVE*
RETURNS TO THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
FOR TWO HIGH-OCTANE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
JANUARY 19-20, 2019**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 15, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts welcomes the return of **DRUMLine Live** to the Merriam Theater on Saturday, January 19 and Sunday, January 20, 2019. The show-stopping production created by the musical team behind the hit movies *Drumline* and *Drumline: A New Beat* embodies the soulful, high-stepping style of the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching band experience. The brand new show features dynamic and riveting rhythms, bold beats, and ear-grabbing energy. DRUMLine Live is part of the Kimmel Center’s Family Discovery Series.

“The world-renowned DRUMLine Live is a thrilling performance that is perfect for the whole family,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “The energetic show features an immensely talented cast of performers as they combine elaborate percussion routines with intricate choreography and exciting effects in this comprehensive theatrical masterpiece.”

DRUMLine Live has paraded onto some of the biggest theater stages in America, Japan, and Korea, performing more than 300 shows since 2009. The synchronized musical showcase comes alive on stage

with a world-class cast of percussionists, musicians, and dancers. The 40-member cast of performers honed its unrivaled talent with years of training in marching band programs across the United States, including Florida A&M University, Tennessee State University, and Southern University, just to name a few.

Incorporating original compositions and soul-stirring interpretations of top 40 hits, DRUMLine Live's musical journey infuses colorful, choreographed routines with vibrant costumes, and heavy doses of drum riffs and cadences. With musical highlights from hip-hop, American soul, gospel, jazz, and other music genres, DRUMLine Live brings a unique style of drumming, mesmerizing musicianship, and lively choreography never seen on stage before.

Other upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***An Evening with Jerry Blavat and Friends*** (January 28, 2019, Verizon Hall); ***It's Not You, It's Me – The Second City*** (January 30 – February 2, 2019, Perelman Theater); ***Martha Graham Cracker in Lashed but Not Leashed*** (March 14 – 16, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio); and **PHILADANCO: *Genesis*** (April 12 – 14, 2019, Perelman Theater).

DRUMLine Live
Merriam Theater

January 19, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

January 20, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$22.50. 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. The Kimmel Center's Family Discovery Series 3-show packages start at just \$10 per show! See www.kimmelcenter.org for more information.

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 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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