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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
RETURN OF HIGH-ENERGY *DRUMLINE LIVE*
IN BRAND NEW FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRODUCTION
JANUARY 10 – 11, 2020**

"...showing the thrill, the musical genius and the true flavor of the
ever-exciting HBCU half-time show."

- *The Star-Ledger*

"*DRUMLine Live* stirs the adrenaline and thrills the soul."

- *The Examiner*

"*DRUMLine Live* dazzles with explosive choreography and thrilling spectacle..."

- *Showbiz Chicago*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 21, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus once again presents the show-stopping attraction, *DRUMLine Live*, at its Merriam Theater on Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. both evenings. This upcoming engagement features riveting rhythms, bold beats, and ear-grabbing energy. Created by the musical team behind the hit movies *Drumline* and *Drumline: A New Beat*, *DRUMLine Live* is an exhilarating, family-friendly performance embodying the soulful, high-stepping style of the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching band experience.

“*DRUMLine Live* has been a popular staple of our season for the past two years. We are delighted to welcome the return of this dynamic show to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus as part of our Family Discovery Series,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We are a home to diverse art forms that reflect Philadelphians & the community both within and beyond our city and hope this performance inspires and amazes our younger arts lovers.”

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.

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.

DRUMLine Live is part of the Family Discovery Series, sponsored by Santander.

As part of the Family Discovery Series, *DRUMLine Live* is eligible for 3-show packages starting at just \$10 per show. Other upcoming shows in the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ series include: **A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage** (December 20 – 21, 2019, Merriam Theater) and **Nick Jr. Live! “Move to the Music”** (February 7 – 9, 2020, Academy of Music).

DRUMLINE LIVE

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater
January 10 – 11, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$29.00. 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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