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@KimmelCenter announces #FREE programming for 2019/20 season featuring family-friendly events, swinging Latin music nights, jazz sessions, poetry readings, holiday traditions, and more!

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## KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS ANNOUNCES FREE PROGRAMMING FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON

**Diverse lineup includes monthly Latin music, educational engagement for toddlers, live jazz sessions, holiday traditions, and more**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, September 4, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is excited to announce the lineup of FREE events for the 2019/20 season. FREE, monthly offerings include *Grow Up Great*, *La NOCHE*, and *Sittin' In: Live Sessions*, while annual favorites such as *Songs You Left Behind*, *CraftNOW Create*, and *Outside the Wire* return, alongside holiday favorites like *Tuba Christmas*, *Silent Night Sing-in*, *Three Kings Day*, and *New Year's Day*. Designed to reflect the broad and diverse interests of Philadelphia audiences, programming ranges from jazz to Latin music, Broadway showtunes to organ demonstrations, community chat-backs to seasonal happenings.

"We are thrilled to announce FREE programming for the 2019/20 season, continuing our mission to engage the region's diverse communities with art through performance and education," said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer & Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We are proud of the cornucopia of events this year, as we continue monthly favorites like *La NOCHE*, *Grow Up Great*, and *Sittin' In: Live Sessions*, our monthly, family-friendly happenings for Latin music, musical theater, and jazz lovers, respectively."

For additional & the most up-to-date information on these FREE events or any Kimmel Center Cultural Campus event, please visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org). Additional programming will be added throughout the season, including dates for the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' annual Jazz & Theater Residencies. Please see below for a current list of FREE events:

#### ***LA NOCHE***

##### **Location varies – Commonwealth Plaza or SEI Innovation Studio**

*One Monday per month. 8:00 – 9:00 PM, The La NOCHE House Band. 9:00 PM, Headline Band.*

*September 30 – Commonwealth Plaza  
October 21 – Commonwealth Plaza  
November 25 – SEI Innovation Studio  
December 16 – SEI Innovation Studio  
January 6 – Commonwealth Plaza  
February 3 – SEI Innovation Studio  
March 2 – SEI Innovation Studio  
April 6 – SEI Innovation Studio  
May 4 – SEI Innovation Studio  
June 8 – SEI Innovation Studio*

*La NOCHE*, presented by PNC Arts Alive, mixes the world of music and the Latin culture, providing a fun night out for music and dance lovers alike, with two live bands – one from Philadelphia, the other from a different Latin country each month.

#### ***SITTIN' IN: LIVE SESSIONS***

##### **Location varies – Commonwealth Plaza or SEI Innovation Studio**

*One Wednesday per month, 8:00 PM DJ & 9:00 PM Band*

*September 4 – Commonwealth Plaza  
October 9 – SEI Innovation Studio  
November 13 – SEI Innovation Studio  
December 18 – SEI Innovation Studio  
January 15 – Commonwealth Plaza  
February 12 – SEI Innovation Studio  
March 11 – SEI Innovation Studio  
April 8 – SEI Innovation Studio  
May 6 – SEI Innovation Studio  
June 10 – Commonwealth Plaza*

With something new each night, *Sittin' In: Live Sessions* is a free event with a diverse music line up. Between incredible vocalists, and emcees with unique sounds, this monthly event is not one to be missed. This will mark the 8th season for this evening of vibes and flows.

#### ***GROW UP GREAT***

##### **Commonwealth Plaza**

*One Saturday per month, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

*September 21  
October 19  
November 9 – during CraftNOW Create  
December 7  
January 1 – during New Year's Day*

*February 8*

*March 14*

*April 18*

*May 16*

*June 20 – during Organ Day*

*Grow Up Great* is a program that introduces young children to the arts. From jazz to musical theater, both children and parents will find *Grow Up Great* enriching and fulfilling. (Fun for kids from 3 – 5. Great for their parents.) This monthly event is made possible by PNC's *Grow Up Great*.

#### ***ORGAN DEMOS***

##### **Verizon Hall**

*One Saturday per month, 1:00 PM – 1:15 PM, as part of the Kimmel Center Building Tour*

*July 13*

*August 10*

*September 21*

*October 19*

*November 9 – during CraftNOW Create*

*December 7*

*January 1 – New Year's Day*

*February 8*

*March 14*

*April 18*

*June 20 – Organ Day*

Live from Verizon Hall, The Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ is showcased for people of all ages to experience! This 15-minute-long demonstration shows the power, range and wonder of this king of instruments.

#### ***SONGS YOU LEFT BEHIND***

##### **SEI Innovation Studio**

*October 3, 2019, 7:00 PM*

*Songs You Left Behind* is an opportunity for representatives from many Latino nations to share the pride of their homeland in the community. Wherever we're from, we all have songs that remind us of home. This is the music of our childhood, sung by our families and neighbors, on the radio, and in our homes. Listen to the music. Hear their stories. Experience the emotions. Open your heart and celebrate the cultures of Latin America as members of our community share what they've left behind and what they carry with them. This will be the 6th year of this event.

#### ***PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF CIRCUS ARTS YOUTH TROUPE***

##### **Commonwealth Plaza**

*October 19, 2019 & February 8, 2020, 11:45 AM*

Join us for this free performance from the Youth Troupe of The Philadelphia School of Circus Arts! The Philadelphia School of Circus Arts has been based in Germantown since 2008. They teach adults and kids recreational classes in circus skills such as tumbling, aerials, tight wire, and unicycling. Of the 500 students per week who come through their doors, some of the most talented young people take part in the Youth Troupe. The Youth Troupe includes acrobats, equilibrists and jugglers ages 10-16.

#### ***CRAFTNOW CREATE***

##### **Commonwealth Plaza**

*November 9, 2019, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM*

Launched in 2015, CraftNOW has a mission of introducing the Philadelphia community to the world of crafting. Now in their 5th year of partnering with the Kimmel Center, CraftNOW steps out and participates in a family-friendly day, showcasing some of the best crafters in the city – with interactive activities for all ages.

***OUTSIDE THE WIRE***

**SEI Innovation Studio**

*November 10, 2019, 5:00 PM*

The Kimmel Center partners with Warrior Writers, to bring you an evening of poetry from veterans regarding returning home after service. This event will open the eyes, hearts and minds of the audience as they witness touching stories from some of our nation's bravest individuals.

***TUBA CHRISTMAS***

**Commonwealth Plaza**

*December 15, 2019, 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM*

Classic Christmas songs touch the hearts of millions. Tuba Christmas takes that sentimental feeling to the next level by showcasing 100+ tuba players performing the world's most beloved holiday tunes.

***SILENT NIGHT SING-IN***

**Commonwealth Plaza**

*December 16, 2019, 6:00 PM Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Performance*

This event is open to all singers, no matter what their experience. All are invited to come in to rehearse and perform a rendition of "Silent Night." This is the perfect opportunity to have fun, make friends and get in the holiday spirit!

***NEW YEAR'S DAY***

**Commonwealth Plaza**

*January 1, 2020, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM*

Come out and experience an array of events, activities and performances at the Kimmel Center's annual New Years Day celebration. Patrons will be able to get a fantastic indoor view of the yearly Mummer's parade.

***THREE KINGS DAY***

**Commonwealth Plaza**

*January 4, 2020, 4:00 PM*

The Mexican Consulate and the Mexican Cultural Center welcome all to take part in one of the most celebrated holidays among the Hispanic and Latino communities. The evening will consist of many traditions and activities, fun for everyone. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Three Kings Day on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus.

***ACTING WITHOUT BOUNDARIES SHOWCASE***

**Rendell Room**

*February 8, 2020, 2:00 PM*

Acting without Boundaries is an organization that challenges social norms and provides a safe and comfortable environment for people to showcase their acting, regardless of their abilities. This event includes segments from popular Broadway shows as well as a panel in which important ADA issues within the entertainment industry are discussed.

**ORGAN DAY**

**Verizon Hall & Commonwealth Plaza**

*June 20, 2020, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM*

It's Organ Day's 10th anniversary and everyone is invited to join in on the action! Activities, demonstrations and performances make up for a fun and educational day that people of all ages can appreciate. Come see the versatile Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' King of Instruments, with dance, silent film, soloists, choirs, and more.

**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](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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