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Academy Award-winning singer-songwriter @Glen_Hansard will perform his incredible new album "This Wild Willing" at the @KimmelCenter 's Merriam Theater on 5/31. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**ACADEMY AWARD®-WINNING ONCE SINGER-SONGWRITER
GLEN HANSARD PERFORMS ON
KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
MAY 31, 2019**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, April 4, 2019) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is excited to welcome Irish singer-songwriter and Academy Award winner **Glen Hansard** for his ***This Wild Willing*** tour at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

"Internationally recognized from the acclaimed film *Once*, Glen Hansard's music is imbued with extraordinarily powerful emotion," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "His new album continues that legacy with a rich sound and a seldom heard depth of feeling sure to resonate with new and longtime fans."

Hansard is touring in support of his fourth solo album, *This Wild Willing*, which will be released on April 15, 2019. "This collection of songs is mainly made up of those that came through while improvising and following the melodic lines and threads," Hansard explained. "Sometimes when you take a small musical fragment and you care for it, follow it and build it up slowly, it can become a thing of wonder."

Hansard first came to fame as part of The Frames, and then as half of the duo The Swell Season with Markéta Irglová. As an actor, he has appeared in the films *The Commitments* and *Once*, for which he won an Academy Award® with Irglová for writing and performing the song "Falling Slowly". *Once* was also adapted into a Tony® Award winning-musical that has played to Philadelphia audiences on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus twice.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Brit Floyd: *Another Brick in the Wall 2019*** (May 7, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***Polly Mope*** (May 9-11, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), **Eddie Izzard: *WUNDERBAR*** (May 15, 2019, Merriam Theater), and ***Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical*** (May 29 – June 2, 2019, Perelman Theater).

Glen Hansard: *This Wild Willing*

Merriam Theater

May 31, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$41.00. 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 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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