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**LEGENDARY JAZZ MUSICIAN AND GRAMMY®
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER
HERBIE HANCOCK
RETURNS TO THE KIMMEL CENTER ON NEW U.S. TOUR
OCTOBER 4, 2017**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA. August 31, 2017) — After more than 60 years in the music business, 14-time Grammy® Award winner and Academy Award® winner **Herbie Hancock** continues to amaze audiences worldwide with his infectious and transcendent sound. A veteran of the Kimmel Center stages, Hancock returns to Verizon Hall on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. to dazzle audiences with his timeless music. In addition to his music career, Hancock recently starred on the big screen in the 2017 summer hit *Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets*.

“Herbie Hancock has been connecting with and inspiring audiences for decades,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “He is a legend you can truly see again and again, and we are thrilled to have him kicking off our 2017-18 jazz season.”

Herbie Hancock began his career mastering classical piano, shocking audiences as he performed a Mozart piece with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at age eleven. He transitioned to learning and perfecting jazz in high school, all while exploring the worlds of electronics and science. At 23, Hancock joined the Miles Davis Quintet, where he played for five years and recorded albums that are still enjoyed by many today. His solo career skyrocketed with albums *Maiden Voyage*, *Empyrean Isles*, and *Speak*

Like a Child, all on Blue Note record label. Hancock has recorded various chart-topping and record-breaking albums with different groups throughout his long career. Hancock has released more than 50 albums resulting in 14 Grammy® Awards. Last year, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Grammy® Awards for his distinguished career.

Jazz packages are available and start at \$27.00 per show. Choose three or more shows from our exciting jazz season and save 10%! Select four or more shows and save 15%! For more information about jazz packages, visit kimmelcenter.org/jazz.

HERBIE HANCOCK

Verizon Hall

October 4, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

TICKETS:

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$46.00 and can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at 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 kimmelcenter.org for more information.

The 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 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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