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Philly's own Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia pays tribute to #JohnColtrane at the @KimmelCenter in "Trane-ing Day" + Harlem Nutcracker! 12/3

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JAZZ ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA PAYS TRIBUTE TO JOHN COLTRANE IN *TRANE-ING DAY* AT THE PERELMAN THEATER DECEMBER 3, 2016

Program To Also Feature Crowd Favorite *The Harlem Nutcracker*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 20, 2016) — Philadelphia's jazz orchestra returns to the Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, December 3 at 8:00 p.m. for a captivating musical tribute to American saxophonist John Coltrane in his 90th birthday year. The **Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia (JOP),** led by world-renowned trumpeter Terell Stafford, will perform *Trane-ing Day* – a program that will celebrate the jazz icon and highlight his ties to Philadelphia. The program will also feature what has become a JOP holiday tradition for the past three years, a performance of *The Harlem Nutcracker* by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn.

"Year after year, Terell and the Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia are the perfect embodiment of the tradition of jazz in Philadelphia. This program – celebrating John Coltrane in what would have been his 90th birthday year – is sure to capture that spirit once again," said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "At the Kimmel Center, we believe strongly in preserving Philadelphia's jazz history, and Terell and his Orchestra are the perfect partner for that mission."

The Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia is a non-profit organization affiliated with CultureTrust Greater Philadelphia. JOP is dedicated to presenting the highest quality of jazz to the greatest number of people, designed to preserve, represent, and continue Philadelphia's rich jazz sound and tradition. JOP has quickly become the face of Philadelphia jazz, establishing the City of Brotherly Love as both a nationally and internationally recognized destination for jazz.

Under leadership of artistic director Terell Stafford, JOP aims to not only embody Philadelphia's jazz legacy with dynamic performances, but to provide an essential educational component as part of their mission. As Director of Jazz Studies and Chair of Instrumental Studies at the Boyer College of Music, and his position as a world-renowned musician, Stafford's synergy with Temple University branches out to young Philadelphia students.

Other upcoming jazz performances on the Kimmel Center Campus include **Chucho Valdés and Joe Lovano Quintet** (November 4, 2016, Merriam Theater), **Norah Jones** (December 2, 2016, Academy of Music) **Kat Edmonson** (February 12, 2017, Perelman Theater), **Joey Alexander Trio** (March 18-19, 2017, Perelman Theater) and the **Cyrus Chestnut Trio** (April 13, 2017, SEI Innovation Studio)**.**

JAZZ ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA
Trane-ing Day
Perelman Theater
December 3, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets
Tickets are available now and start at $35.00. Tickets 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. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

A VIP package is available and includes a signed CD and exclusive access to a Meet & Greet with Terell Stafford.

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 University of the Arts' 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 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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