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It's that time of year again! The Boss w/ the Hot Sauce @JerryBlavat is back to present "Gospel, Soul & Doo Wop Reunion" @KimmelCenter 1/28

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**JERRY BLAVAT RETURNS TO THE KIMMEL CENTER FOR
GOSPEL, SOUL, AND DOO WOP REUNION
IN HIS ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AT VERIZON HALL
JANUARY 28, 2017**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 18, 2016) — Philadelphia's favorite radio DJ, **Jerry Blavat**, is back for his annual star-studded performance in Verizon Hall, January 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts partners with Blavat every season for an exciting variety show featuring special guests and beloved tunes. As per tradition for his appearances at the Kimmel Center, attendees are invited to the Commonwealth Plaza for cocktails and dancing before and after the performance.

This year's show, *Gospel, Soul, and Doo Wop Reunion*, will feature performers from all three genres including performances by **Dee Dee Sharp**, who started out in the gospel music world, backed by **The Dixie Hummingbirds**; **The Tokens** ("The Lion Sleeps Tonight"); **Eddie Holman** ("Hey There Lonely Girl"); **The Chi-lites** ("Have You Seen Her"); and **The Stylistics** ("You Make Me Feel Brand New"); plus a **tribute to Kenny Vance**, founding member of Jay Black & the Americans, by his son Ladd Vance; and a salute to Johnny Maestro featuring a performance by **Tommy Marra and The Crests**.

"No Kimmel Center season is complete without a performance from beloved cultural icon, Jerry Blavat," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Jerry is a staple in the Philadelphia music community and we're certain that this year's guest performers will help us relive many of the classic songs we all know and love."

Other upcoming programming on the Kimmel Center Campus include **Kat Edmonson** (February 12, 2017, Perelman Theater), **Alan Cumming Sings Sappy Songs** (March 19, 2017, Verizon Hall), **Carol Burnett**

(April 11, 2017, Academy of Music), and ***Motown The Musical*** (May 30–June 11, 2017, Academy of Music).

JERRY BLAVAT

Gospel, Soul, and Doo Wop Reunion

Verizon Hall

January 28, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are available now starting at \$49.00. 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.

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

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