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The brilliant and timeless multi-Grammy® Award-winning singer, song-writer @JohnPrineMusic is joined by Philadelphia rocker @TheRealKurtVile on the @KimmelCenter Cultural Campus 4/14. More info @kimmelcenter.org

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APRIL 14, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, February 22, 2018) — Two-time Grammy® Award-winning, singer and celebrated songwriter **John Prine** comes to the Merriam Theater with special guest **Kurt Vile** on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Prine will be touring to play music from his landmark new album due out this spring. It will be the first album of his original music in almost 13 years.

“John Prine’s brilliant lyrics resonate with audiences across all generations, remaining relevant and timeless as years go by,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “An original writer and artist in every sense, I am elated to see him perform new music for the first time in almost 13 years.”

John Prine is among the English language’s premier phrase-turners. A legendary rocker for more than 45 years, Prine’s remarkable career has drawn lavish praise from music’s greats, including Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, Roger Waters, Bruce Springsteen, and others. He is a Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame member whose debut self-titled album is recognized as part of the Recording Academy’s Grammy Hall of Fame. Although he has an impressive resume, with songs recorded by Johnny Cash, Bette Midler, Norah Jones,

Miranda Lambert, Tom T. Hall, and many others, his genius isn't found in his resume, it is found in the brilliance of lyrics.

His notable 45-year career has earned him many accolades, including an Americana Music Honors and Awards win for lifetime achievement in songwriting, and most recently, being named 2017 Artist of the Year. 2017 was a noteworthy year in many senses, also marking the release of Prine's debut book, *John Prine Beyond Words*. The songbook includes a selection of favorite songs, photographs and stories from Prine's beloved catalogue. Today, he continues to record and perform at sold out shows all over the US, Canada, and Europe.

Kurt Vile is a Philadelphia-based, multi-instrumentalist singer, songwriter, and record producer. He is both known for his solo work and as the former lead guitarist of indie-rock band, the War on Drugs. He has released seven solo albums since his split with War on Drugs, all adoringly received by fans and critics.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Brit Floyd: Eclipse World Tour 2018** (April 6, 2018, Academy of Music), **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis and Chick Corea** (April 8, 2018, Academy of Music), and **Brandi Carlile** (May 18, 2018, Merriam Theater).

#### **JOHN PRINE WITH SPECIAL GUEST KURT VILE**

**Merriam Theater**

*April 14, 2018, 8:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$81.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://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](http://www.kimmelcenter.org) for more information.

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

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