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The iconic and irreverent @kathygriffin reminds audiences to leave society's troubles behind, sit back and #LaughYourHeadOff at two hilarious comedy shows at the @KimmelCenter on 10/6. More info @kimmelcenter.org

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## **LEGENDARY COMEDIAN KATHY GRIFFIN RETURNS TO KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS WITH TWO SHOWS FOR NEW *LAUGH YOUR HEAD OFF* WORLD TOUR OCTOBER 6, 2018**

*"Every era gets the Lenny Bruce it deserves. Ours is Kathy Griffin." - The New York Times*

*"★★★★★★ Griffin's show was defiant, fierce, and viciously funny." - The Sydney Morning Herald*

*"Mouthy? Yes. Vulgar? Frequently. Unforgettable? Definitely. ★★★★★★★"*

*- London Evening Standard*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, September 5, 2018) – She speaks! After a year of national scandal, plus a sold-out run of stand-up shows and rave reviews around the globe, **Kathy Griffin** returns to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus with her highly anticipated ***Laugh Your Head Off World Tour***. She will have the audience roaring with laughter at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Armed with the story of the now infamous and controversial photo (yes...THAT photo), the fiery redheaded, award-winning, American comedian is bringing the story

of the photo heard 'round the world and the fallout that followed. She's breaking down everything in the pop culture landscape from President Trump to the Kardashians. Griffin tells all in this more than two-hour, no-holds-barred show that's raw, honest, and engaging.

"Griffin is a rebellious, award-winning entertainer who is not afraid to teeter on the line of raucousness," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Our Cultural Campus is a place for conversations and we welcome audiences to join her for an uncensored narrative of the most infamous year of the spirited comedian's life."

Griffin has this message for fans. "Donald Trump will not survive the live and hilarious indictment I will be bringing down on his orange head. Did I say head?" Griffin said. "To all of you in North America who have been sending so much love and support, now's your chance to show it. Buy a ticket for one of these tour stops and I promise you won't be disappointed. You're gonna get the whole story. We will talk about THE photo that sparked a conversation around the world, how my mom Maggie still watches Fox News and thinks I might be in ISIS, and hell, I'll even walk you through my interrogation by the feds. You're not gonna get that story anywhere else! Oh, and did I mention that my next door neighbors during this whole ordeal are none other than Kim Kardashian-West and Kanye Kardashian-West?" Griffin continued, "My show isn't for the faint of heart so leave your kids at home. My motto is 'Funny First.' But don't worry, we've got some serious smack talking to do about everything and everyone," before adding, "with love, of course."

Griffin has had a wildly successful run overseas including New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, and the U.K. Now, the prolific comic is ready to come home and tell her truth in the only way she can – with fearless comedy.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Hasan Minhaj: *Before the Storm*** (September 23, 2018, Merriam Theater), **#IMOMSOHARD -- *Mom's Night Out: Round 2!*** (October 17, 2018, Merriam Theater), **AC2: Anderson Cooper and Andy Cohen** (November 3, 2018, Academy of Music), **Tom Segura** (November 16-17, 2018, Merriam Theater), and **The Second City** (January 30 - February 2, 2019, Perelman Theater).

#### **KATHY GRIFFIN: LAUGH YOUR HEAD OFF WORLD TOUR**

##### **Merriam Theater**

*October 6, 2018, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.*

##### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$35.00. 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.

##### **About Kathy Griffin:**

Two-time Emmy and Grammy award-winning comedian Kathy Griffin is a towering figure on television, on tour, and in publishing. She breaks through the entertainment clutter with her universally recognized brand of pull-no-punches comedy. A #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, Kathy latest literary success came with her much-anticipated second book, *Kathy Griffin's Celebrity Run-Ins: My A-Z Index* and simultaneously launched a sold out nationwide stand-up tour under the same moniker. Over her career,

Griffin has been a mainstay on television from her first series, *Suddenly Susan*, to her hit Primetime Emmy Award-winning series, *My Life on the D-List*, which was nominated every year of its six-year run and scored Kathy two Emmy Awards. In 2013, Kathy was inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records for writing and starring in an unprecedented 23 televised stand-up specials - more than any comedian in history. She has served as the co-host from CNN's New Year's Eve special for an incredible 10 years consecutively. In addition to performing, writing, and producing, Griffin is a renowned speaker and has taken her empowering messages of equality through activism and humor all over the country. Griffin's passionate advocacy for women, the LGBT community, and other disenfranchised groups remains paramount in her life and career. Furthermore, Griffin is an ardent supporter of the U.S. military and has performed for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. From penning *New York Times* best-selling books to filling the biggest concert halls around the world on her comedy tours including three performances at Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, The Kodak Theater, the famed Sydney Opera House, and the London Palladium; Kathy has cemented herself as one of the most powerful figures in comedy with her unfiltered, unafraid, and utterly hilarious take on Hollywood. She is a must-see for any stand-up fan.

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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 2018-2019 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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