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Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees unites Grammy-winning artists for an evening of acoustic performances to benefit @JesuitRefugee 10/19

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**LAMPEDUSA: CONCERTS FOR REFUGEES
BRINGS TOGETHER RENOWNED SINGERS AND SONGWRITERS
FOR AN INTIMATE EVENING OF ACOUSTIC SONG
OCTOBER 19, 2016**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, August 25, 2016) — Renowned singer-songwriters **Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle, Patty Griffin, Buddy Miller, and The Milk Carton Kids**, along with other special guests, come together at the Merriam Theater for **Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees** – an intimate evening of acoustic performances to benefit Jesuit Refugee Service’s (JRS) Global Education Initiative. All proceeds from this concert, taking place Wednesday, October 19 at 8:00 p.m., will help to provide educational opportunities for refugees living in camps and in urban settings worldwide.

“This unique performance is a testament to music’s ability to help foster change in our world,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “We are proud to host *Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees* which provides an opportunity for arts lovers in Philadelphia to come together, experience incredible music, and make a difference.”

Jesuit Refugee Service’s Global Education Initiative aims to vigorously expand both formal and informal education programs, ranging from primary school to university, and including both vocational education and teacher training. Education has always been the cornerstone of JRS’s mission, as it is fundamental for the recovery and spiritual healing of those caught in emergency situations, while also serving to prevent future conflict, sustain stability, and promote peace.

Founded in 1980, Jesuit Refugee Service is an international Catholic organization created to aid refugees, forcibly displaced people and asylum seekers. With more than 1,400 workers, JRS operates programs in over 45 countries.

Other upcoming concerts at the Kimmel Center Campus include; **Kansas** (October 1, 2016, Merriam Theater), **Joan Baez with Mary Chapin Carpenter** (October 9, 2016, Academy of Music), **Rosanne Cash** (October 20, 2016, Merriam Theater), and **Mexrrissey** (October 29, 2016, Merriam Theater).

LAMPEDUSA: CONCERTS FOR REFUGEES

Merriam Theater

October 19, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are available now and start at \$39.50. Monies raised through *Lampedusa: Concerts for Refugees* support the work of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA and its programs to help refugees heal, learn, and thrive in more than 45 countries.

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.

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. 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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