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@KimmelCenter welcomes return of world-renowned composer & pianist @LudovicoEinaud for "Seven Days Walking Tour" on 6/1 at Merriam Theater! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
WELCOMES BACK WORLD-RENOWNED
ITALIAN COMPOSER & PIANIST
LUDOVICO EINAUDI FOR *SEVEN DAYS WALKING TOUR*
JUNE 1, 2019**

"His creations are simply everywhere: Topping classical charts, underscoring TV and film, integrated into advertising, and remixed by commercial music's biggest stars... you only need to hear a single phrase to recognize it as one of his entirely unique creations." - Patrick Darby

"If you haven't heard the music of Ludovico Einaudi, then it's probably because you don't know it's by Ludovico Einaudi." – *The Guardian*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, May 7, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is delighted to welcome back the legendary **Ludovico Einaudi** for his ***Seven Days Walking Tour*** at the Merriam Theater on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Hailed by critics and fans alike as evocative, seductive, and hauntingly beautiful, Einaudi has played piano on an Arctic glacier, performed at huge pop music festivals, and become the most-streamed classical artist in the world, but the composer and pianist's new album may be his most ambitious project yet.

"Ludovico Einaudi's music transcends genre, synthesizing elements of electronica, classical, and rock," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "This unique show

exemplifies our commitment to serving Philadelphia audiences with broad and diverse programming – there is something for everyone on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, regardless of taste, age, gender, or race.”

Seven Days Walking Tour is comprised of 7 albums, released across a 7-month period. The collection is the impetus created by a series of walks Einaudi took in the Alps. It focuses on several main themes, which recur in different forms; seven variations following the same imaginary itinerary: "The idea first came to me as I was listening to the recordings of the first sessions: each version seemed to me to have its own personality, with subtleties so distinct from one another that I was unable to choose which I preferred," says Einaudi. "I associated everything with walking, with the experience of following the same routes over and over, discovering new details each time. And so in the end I decided to thread them all together in a sort of musical labyrinth, a little like stepping inside the twists and turns of the creative process, to understand how a musical idea can develop in multiple directions, and changing once again at the moment in which it is heard."

With over one million streams a day, the pianist has clocked up a staggering two billion streams, making him the biggest streamed classical artist of all time. *The Guardian* wrote, "If you haven't heard the music of Ludovico Einaudi, then it's probably because you don't know it's by Ludovico Einaudi." His original music has appeared in countless films like Russell Crowe's *The Water Diviner* and Xavier Dolan's *Mommy*, as well as the *Doctor Zhivago* television series and Natalie Portman's *Black Swan* trailer. In 2016, Greenpeace filmed him performing his "Elegy for the Arctic" while floating in the Arctic Ocean as glaciers melt around him to raise awareness about climate change. He has even recognized Earth hour by conducting a concert with only candles, and was enlisted by the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing to create "Wetland" for a World Environment Day premiere.

Joining Ludovico Einaudi on tour will be Federico Mecozzi on violin and viola and Redi Hasa on cello.

LUDOVICO EINAUDI: SEVEN DAYS WALKING TOUR

Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater

June 1, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$49.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at 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 for more information.

VIP 1 Meet & Greet Package for \$375

Package includes one front row ticket; exclusive after-show meet & greet with Ludovico Einaudi; personal photograph with Ludovico Einaudi; collectible tour lithograph, autographed by Ludovico Einaudi; Ludovico Einaudi sketchbook; specially-designed Ludovico Einaudi tote bag; official meet & greet laminate; and commemorative ticket.

VIP 2 Tour Package for \$250

Package includes one premium reserved ticket located in rows 2-10; collectible Ludovico Einaudi tour lithograph; specially-designed Ludovico Einaudi tote bag; Ludovico Einaudi sketchbook; commemorative tour laminate; and commemorative ticket.

The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

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