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Italian composer @LudovicoEinaud brings his unique sound to the @KimmelCenter 10/28. More information @ kimmelcenter.org.

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**ITALIAN COMPOSER AND PIANIST  
LUDOVICO EINAUDI PERFORMS *ESSENTIAL EINAUDI*  
AT THE KIMMEL CENTER'S MERRIAM THEATER  
OCTOBER 28, 2017**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA. August 31, 2017) — Italian composer and pianist **Ludovico Einaudi** will bring 40+ years of study to his one-night-only performance at the **Merriam Theater** on **Saturday, October 28 at 8:00 p.m.** Appreciated around the world for his concerts, famous soundtracks, and record career, his Philadelphia performance will integrate an array of music genres, including post-rock, post-classical, and songs from his latest album *Elements*.

“Ludovico’s music is a rarity in the artistic realm, showcasing one man’s meticulous search for creative inspirations across all genres,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “A musical avant-gardist from a young age, Ludovico intertwines both beautiful simplicity and unexpected experimentation.”

A native of Turin, Italy, Ludovico Einaudi was introduced to the piano by his musically-minded mother at an early age. As he grew, Einaudi’s sister opened his eyes to tunes of the 1960s: Bob Dylan, The Rolling Stones, and Jimmy Hendrix, setting the tone for his vast musical repertoire. Einaudi graduated as a composer from the Conservatorio Verdi in Milan. He was mentored under the guidance of composer Luciano Berio, who he paid tribute to in his latest album, *Elements*.

Called “a classical artist for the YouTube age” by *The New York Times*, Einaudi has composed music for some of Hollywood’s biggest names, from Clint Eastwood to Casey Affleck to Ricky Gervais. Einaudi drew global attention in 2016 with his one-of-a-kind Arctic concert. It was a collaboration with Greenpeace that brought eight million recorded voices and Einaudi’s signature piano music to one of the most threatened places on Earth. It was all to raise awareness of the need for environmental protection.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Campus include: ***The Scott Brothers’ House Party*** (September 6, 2017, Merriam Theater), ***An Evening with David Sedaris*** (October 16, 2017, Academy of Music), ***Renée Fleming*** (October 15, 2017, Verizon Hall), and ***Joe Biden: American Promise Tour*** (November 15, 2017, Academy of Music).

#### **ESSENTIAL EINAUDI**

##### **Merriam Theater**

*October 28, 2017, 8:00 p.m.*

##### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$35. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [kimmelcenter.org](http://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 [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org) for more information.

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