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The spirit of the holidays fill the air at the @KimmelCenter with one stunning performance from @MannheimSteam and their revolutionary Christmas album! More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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**THE WORLD'S BESTSELLING CHRISTMAS ARTIST
MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER RETURNS ON
THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS
DECEMBER 1, 2018**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 8, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is proud to welcome the 34th anniversary tour of **Mannheim Steamroller: *Christmas By Chip Davis*** to the Academy of Music on December 1, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. The signature show, directed and co-produced by Grammy® Award winner Chip Davis in partnership with MagicSpace Entertainment, features the music of the bestselling Christmas album of all time, along with state-of-the-art multimedia effects. The holiday season will come alive with the stunning sounds of this dazzling ensemble.

“No sounds symbolize the start of the holiday season like that of Mannheim Steamroller’s Christmas,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “The flawless blend of cherished carols with inventive rock-and-roll sounds makes Chip Davis’ orchestral performance a *must-see* holiday tradition for young and old alike.”

Chip Davis, largely credited for establishing the new age music category, founded Mannheim Steamroller in 1974, inspired by sounds of another age and his desire to make innovative music. The group, known for their 18th century instrumental rock sound, released *Mannheim Steamroller Christmas* in 1984, combining the sounds of rock and roll beats with their signature mix of Renaissance instruments, and changed the sounds of Christmas forever. With more than 40 million total records sold

including 28 million Christmas albums, Davis and Mannheim Steamroller have revolutionized the making and marketing of holiday music.

With 19 gold, 8 multi-platinum and 4 platinum-certified records, Chip Davis is among an elite group of artists with such accolades and is the number 1 selling Christmas music artist of all time. In addition to successful record sales, Davis is one of the most successful entrepreneurs in the music industry, offering a rich array of lifestyle products on Mannheim Steamroller's website including hot chocolate, food, apparel, and novelty items.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***I Touch My Elf – The Skivvies: Lauren Molina & Nick Cearley*** (December 6-8, 2018, SEI Innovation Studio), ***A Soulful Christmas*** (December 11, 2018), and ***Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia – A Cole Christmas*** (December 15, 2018, Perelman Theater).

Mannheim Steamroller: *Christmas by Chip Davis*

Academy of Music

December 1, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$20.00. 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.

MagicSpace Entertainment

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis is produced by MagicSpace Entertainment. The company is headed by Lee D. Marshall, Joe Marsh, John Ballard, and Steve Boulay and has been producing and presenting national tours, Broadway shows, concerts and museum exhibits worldwide for over 35 years. They have an office in Park City, UT. www.magicspace.net

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.

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