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.@MasterChefJrLiv makes its #Philadelphia debut @KimmelCenter on 3/11, bringing the hit culinary show featuring everyone's favorite mini chefs straight to the fans! More info @kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
INTERACTIVE STAGE PRODUCTION OF HIT CULINARY
TV SHOW *MASTERCHEF JUNIOR LIVE!*
MARCH 11, 2020**

All-Star talent includes winners & fan favorites from hit series *MasterChef Junior*, including Season 7 Winner, Che; Season 7 Finalist, Malia; Season 7's Matthew; and Season 6's Avery

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, February 11, 2020) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presents the high-energy live production of the hit culinary TV show, *MasterChef Junior*, at the Merriam Theater on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The immersive competition features head-to-head cooking demonstrations and fun (sometimes messy!) challenges with past *MasterChef Junior* contestants, including a lineup of winners and fan-favorites, including: Season 7 winner, Che; Season 7 Finalist, Malia; Season 7's Matthew; and Season 6's Avery.

The mini master chefs display their skills on stage through a set of challenges that test their innovation, technique, and creativity. Challenges include mystery box, surprise shout out instructions from past contestants, and more. Foodies and fans of all ages will be on the edge of their seats as the young chefs demonstrate their skills in the kitchen that proves age doesn't matter when it comes to cooking!

“We are excited to present the Philadelphia premiere of *MasterChef Junior Live!* on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus as a part of our ongoing Family Discovery Series,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “As a non-profit, our mission is to engage the region’s diverse communities with art through performance and education, reaching the next generation of Philadelphians with a variety of art forms, including the culinary arts. Who knows what this next generation of pint-sized chefs will inspire?”

MasterChef Junior has garnered 12 award nominations throughout its run, including a Primetime Emmy® Award nomination in 2017. The show will return for its eighth season in March on FOX, featuring chefs Gordon Ramsay and Aarón Sánchez, as well as nutrition expert, author, and new judge, Daphne Oz.

MasterChef Junior Live! is a part of the Family Discovery Series, sponsored by Santander. As a part of the Family Discovery Series, *MasterChef Junior Live!* is eligible for 3-show packages starting at just \$10 per show.

Other upcoming shows in the Family Discovery Series include: ***Ballet Folclórico Nacional de México de Silvia Lozano*** (March 12, 2020, Merriam Theater), ***Simple Gifts with Organ with The Cashore***, ***Marionettes & Organist Marvin Mills*** (March 21, 2020, Verizon Hall), ***Wild Kratts Live 2.0!*** (April 18, 2020, Merriam Theater), and ***Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood LIVE!*** (May 9, 2020, Merriam Theater).

MASTERCHEF JUNIOR LIVE!

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater
March 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$35.00. 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.

About TCG Entertainment

TCG Entertainment (www.TCGENT.com) is the industry leader in the creation, production, booking and marketing of live entertainment productions and events. TCG has over 20 years of experience in the entertainment industry, with a focus on symphonic, family, music and other live touring properties. Current and past productions include multiple productions of Cirque Musica (www.CirqueMusica.com), 4U: The Music of Prince with Symphony, A Night of Symphonic Hip Hop, A Night of Symphonic Rock, REWIND-Celebrating the 80s and more.

About Endemol Shine North America

Endemol Shine North America delivers world-class content and compelling storytelling to multiple platforms in the U.S. and across the globe. Endemol Shine North America is part of Endemol Shine Group, the global content creator, producer and distributor with a diverse portfolio of companies that are behind some of the most prominent hit television formats and series in the world.

Endemol Shine Group’s companies in North America are behind hit series such as “Big Brother” (CBS), “Ink Master” (Paramount Network), MASTERCHEF (FOX), MASTERCHEF JUNIOR (FOX), “Swamp People” (History), “The Real Housewives of Atlanta” (Bravo), “Below Deck” (Bravo), “Below Deck:

Mediterranean” (Bravo), “T.I. & Tiny: The Family Hustle” (VH1), “Trading Spaces” (TLC), “Deal or No Deal” (CNBC), “LOL” (Amazon) and the upcoming launches of “Utopia” (Amazon), “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” (HGTV), LEGO MASTERS (FOX) and “The Biggest Loser” (USA).

About MASTERCHEF JUNIOR

MASTERCHEF JUNIOR, based on the hit FOX television show MASTERCHEF, blends exciting moments and inspirational stories with talented young contestants. Young home cooks face fun and technical challenges proving that when it comes to cooking, age doesn’t matter!

Produced by Endemol Shine North America and One Potato Two Potato, MASTERCHEF JUNIOR is based on a format created by Franc Roddam and Endemol Shine. Nataalka Znak, Danny Schrader, Elisabeth Murdoch, Georgie Hurford-Jones, Gordon Ramsay, Patricia Llewellyn and Ben Adler serve as executive producers.

The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region’s diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1 million guests per year and includes the **Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**, the **Academy of Music**, and the **Merriam Theater**- representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia’s Avenue of the Arts. We are home to eight esteemed Resident Companies: **The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, 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, we are the region’s most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially-responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and community events, we educate the region’s young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank, is our proud sponsor of the Kimmel Center’s 2019-2020 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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