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Heck yes! #NapoleonDynamite stars @hederjon @EfrenRamirez and @tinamajorino join fans for a freewheeling conversation and screening of the beloved cult classic at the @Kimmelcenter on 11/18. Remember - It's #BYOT (Bring Your Own Tots!) Gosh! More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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NAPOLEON DYNAMITE MOVIE STARS JON HEDER, EFREN RAMIREZ, AND TINA MAJORINO JOIN FANS FOR A SCREENING AND CAREFREE CONVERSATION ON THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, October 8, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts invites fans of the beloved indie classic film *Napoleon Dynamite* to the Kimmel Center’s Merriam Theater on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. for ***Napoleon Dynamite: A Conversation with Film Stars Jon Heder, Efren Ramirez and Tina Majorino***. The unique evening includes a full screening of the film followed by an entertaining discussion with the adored cast members.

“It is always such a pleasure to host film screenings across the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus in our varied and dynamic performance spaces,” said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “While true fans of this cult classic will enjoy seeing the film once again on the big screen, the evening offers all the opportunity experience this story in a multi-dimensional and exclusive manner, hearing first-hand stories from the stars themselves.”

Since *Napoleon Dynamite*’s release in 2004, the film has stolen the hearts of millions, making fans laugh – and laugh hard – over and over again. Appealing to the inner-teenager in each of us, the story and more importantly the dialogue has made *Napoleon Dynamite* one of the most quoted movies of our time. Although much has changed since the film’s release, the characters, as enduring as they are endearing, have stayed in fans hearts for years.

Napoleon Dynamite, set in small-town Preston, Idaho, tells the hilarious story of awkward teen Napoleon Dynamite, who has trouble fitting in. After his grandmother is injured in an accident, his life is made even worse when his strangely nostalgic uncle Rico shows up to keep an eye on him. With no safe haven at home or at school, Napoleon befriends the new kid, Pedro, a morose Hispanic boy who speaks little English. Together, the two launch a campaign to run for class president.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Tom Segura** (November 16-17, 2018, Merriam Theater); **It's Not You, It's Me. – The Second City** (January 30-February 2, 2019, Perelman Theater); and **The Improvised Shakespeare Company** (June 7-8, 2019, Perelman Theater).

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Merriam Theater

November 18, 2018, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$34.00. 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.

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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