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#Emmy nominated internet sensation @RandyRainbow brings his sidesplitting parodies to the @KimmelCenter on 9/21 for a toe-tapping good time! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
EMMY® NOMINATED INTERNET SENSATION RANDY RAINBOW
AT THE MERRIAM THEATER
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

“These YouTube videos go viral, and that’s a tribute to Rainbow’s clever lyrics, his great singing voice, and hilarious reaction shots.”
– **NPR’s Fresh Air with Terry Gross**

“[Rainbow’s] sharp wit and tongue are the perfect tools that allow him to create the most scathing videos, guaranteed to make you laugh.” – *Billboard*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, August 15, 2019) – Comedian, actor, writer, satirist, and internet sensation Randy Rainbow has garnered international acclaim for his hilarious series of political spoofs and song parodies. This fall, the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presents the brilliant, critically-acclaimed influencer off your computer screen and onto the Merriam Theater stage in ***Randy Rainbow Live!***, Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. This show is presented in association with Live Nation.

“On the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus, our mission is to engage the Philadelphia region’s diverse communities with art through performance and education; we value the ability to host conversations

that are culturally-relevant and represent a plethora of political and social opinions,” said Ed Cambron, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Randy Rainbow’s sharp wit and effervescent energy enable him to craft timely and comical satirical YouTube videos that have captured the world’s attention, and we are thus thrilled to host him for the first time ever.”

Randy Rainbow was called “The best thing about the 2016 GOP race” by Dan Savage, and his musical tribute to the first presidential debate of 2016, “Braggadocious!”, received 28 million views in its first two days. Based on this rousing success, the cast of TV’s *Will & Grace* asked him to write a parody of a song, which they performed during a political fundraiser for the 2016 election.

Randy has written for comedian Kathy Griffin, and he has hosted and performed countless theatrical events for the Broadway, cabaret, and gay communities, including the Tony® Awards and some of New York City’s most popular night spots such as 54 Below, Birdland Jazz Club, XL Nightclub, and Therapy NYC, where his own weekly show ran for two years. He has been seen as a talking head on VH1 and has been heard regularly as both a guest and co-host on Sirius XM Radio. He is the creator and star of long-running BroadwayWorld.com web series *Chewing the Scenery with Randy Rainbow* and *Last Minute with Randy Rainbow*.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Eric Andre: Legalize Everything Tour** (September 17, 2019, Merriam Theater); **Adam Ant: Friend or Foe** (September 20, 2019, Merriam Theater); **The Office! A Musical Parody** (September 28-29, 2019, Merriam Theater); **Cristela Alonzo: My Affordable Care Act** (October 10, 2019, Perelman Theater); **Dena Blizzard: One Funny Mother** (October 19, 2019, Perelman Theater); and **Black Violin: Impossible Tour** (November 8, 2019, Academy of Music).

RANDY RAINBOW LIVE!
Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater
September 21, 2019, 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.

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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