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**FOUR-TIME GRAMMY® AWARD-WINNING SOPRANO
RENÉE FLEMING
MAKES KIMMEL CENTER DEBUT IN SOLO RECITAL
IN VERIZON HALL, OCTOBER 15**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA. August 31, 2017) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is honored to welcome world-renowned and Grammy® Award-winning soprano **Renée Fleming** to **Verizon Hall** for her debut solo recital on **Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.** Fleming has performed in the most prestigious venues around the globe. She was a host of the Metropolitan Opera's *Live in HD* series broadcast in theaters nationwide and PBS' *Live at Lincoln Center*. Fleming was also awarded the National Medal of Arts from President Barack Obama in 2013.

"I am thrilled to welcome Renée Fleming to our Kimmel Center Campus for her Verizon Hall debut," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Her voice is superb, her accolades astounding, and what a treat for our audiences to enjoy the intimacy of a recital experience."

Renée Fleming is celebrated outside the concert hall, both nationally and internationally. A graduate of Juilliard, in the past decade she has lent her voice to stages of the Beijing Olympic Games, a Nobel Peace Prize event, and at Brandenburg Gate and Buckingham Palace. Fleming made history at Super Bowl XLVIII by being the only classical singer to ever perform the United States National Anthem at the event.

Winner of four Grammy Awards, Fleming is the recipient of a plethora of prestigious distinctions, from the Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal to degrees gifted from institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania, The Juilliard School, and Harvard University. She made history as the only female to "solo headline" a Metropolitan Opera gala on its debut evening.

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), ***Essential Einaudi*** (October 28, 2017, Merriam Theater), and ***Joe Biden: American Promise Tour*** (November 15, 2017, Academy of Music).

RENÉE FLEMING

Verizon Hall

October 15, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$49.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

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 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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