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Artistic visionary, bestselling author, and poet @RupiKaur_ shares her moving and enlightening poetry with Philadelphia audiences @KimmelCenter on 12/14. More info @ Kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
#1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR
RUPI KAUR
AS SHE EXPLORES LIFE THEMES IN LIVE POETRY PERFORMANCE
DECEMBER 14, 2019**

“Queen of the ‘Instapoets’” – Rolling Stone

“Rupi Kaur doesn't merely recite her poetry; she performs it ... which helps explain the rock star reception...” – CBS News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, November 4, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presents, in association with AEG, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of collections of poetry, **Rupi Kaur**, to the Merriam Theater on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. In this live poetry reading, Kaur will candidly explore themes ranging from love, loss, trauma, healing, femininity, migration, and revolution.

"Rupi Kaur is exceptional—utilizing her artistic and literary talents to spotlight sometimes difficult, yet culturally relevant & timely subjects," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is a haven for artists like her, acting as a hub for the

creation of new works and a catalyst for important conversations. We look forward to Kaur sharing her words and humble honesty with our diverse Philadelphia audience.”

Rupi Kaur started drawing at the age of five when her mother handed her a paintbrush and said ‘draw your heart out’. Rupi views her life as an exploration of that artistic journey. After completing her degree in rhetoric studies, she published her first collection of poems, *milk and honey*, in 2014. The internationally-acclaimed collection sold well over a million copies, gracing *The New York Times* bestsellers list every week for over a year. It has since been translated into over thirty languages. Her long-awaited second collection, *the sun and her flowers*, was published in 2017, and debuted as a #1 global bestseller. Within the first three months, it sold a million copies and was beloved by readers worldwide. She’s a *Forbes* 30 under 30, an editor of the 2016 Mays Literary Anthology of New Writing from the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and one of *BBC’s* 100 women of 2017.

Rupi has performed her poetry across the world. Her photography and art direction are warmly embraced, and she hopes to continue this expression for years to come.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: ***An Evening with Samin Nosrat*** (November 6, 2019, Academy of Music), ***The Conversationalists*** (November 7 – 9, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), ***Traveling Outside the Wire*** (November 10, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), ***Comedy Bang! Bang! Live*** (November 11, 2019, Merriam Theater), ***Béla Fleck & The Flecktones*** (December 3, 2019, Verizon Hall), and ***Rachael & Vilray*** (December 13, 2019, Perelman Theater).

RUPI KAUR

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater

December 14, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting 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 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. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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