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@KimmelCenter hosts Hollywood icon @JohnCusack at the Academy of Music for a special screening of 80s classic movie "Say Anything" on 6/22! More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
HOLLYWOOD ICON JOHN CUSACK FOR AN ONSTAGE
CONVERSATION & SCREENING OF 80S CLASSIC, SAY ANYTHING
JUNE 22, 2019**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, May 6, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is thrilled to welcome Hollywood legend **John Cusack** for **John Cusack: *Say Anything*** at the Academy of Music on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The show features the iconic actor in conversation live onstage following a screening of director and writer Cameron Crowe's (*Almost Famous*, *Jerry Maguire*) 1989 classic teen romance *Say Anything*.

"*Say Anything* is a classic that defined a decade and launched the career of its dynamic star, John Cusack," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We relish opportunities like this to pair iconic stars with film screenings – from Mel Brooks to Cary Elwes to William Shatner. These all offer Philadelphians one-of-a-kind experiences, up-close-and-personal, with their favorite artists."

The 1989 comedy/drama *Say Anything* brought popular culture the love story of Lloyd Dobler (John Cusack) and Diane Court (Lone Skye). An eternal optimist seeks the heart of a "brain trapped in the body of a game show hostess." Ranked by *Entertainment Weekly* as one of the greatest modern movie romances (and #11 on the list of 50 best high-school movies), *Say Anything* made a star out of John Cusack who went on to success in multiple films including *High Fidelity*, *Grosse Pointe Blank*, and *Being John Malkovich*, among others.

Now, join John Cusack for a screening of *Say Anything* followed by a LIVE conversation regarding his career and the making of the film. Roger Ebert called the film “one of the best films of the year” when it was released. Fans will now get the opportunity to experience a moderated discussion, with Cusack answering audience questions, as well. A limited number of VIP gold circle seats will be available that include a post-show photo opportunity with Cusack.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Rob Lowe: *Stories I Only Tell My Friends: Live*** (May 17, 2019, Merriam Theater), **Cruel Intentions: The 90s Musical** (May 29 - June 2, 2019, Perelman Theater), **The Improvised Shakespeare Company** (June 7-8, 2019, Perelman Theater), and **The Second City: *She The People*** (June 13-22, 2019, Merriam Theater).

JOHN CUSACK: SAY ANYTHING

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ Academy of Music

June 22, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$39.00. 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 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit www.kimmelcenter.org.

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