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America's hottest dance company, @TravisWall's @ShapingSoundCo brings groundbreaking new show 'After the Curtain' to @KimmelCenter 3/7

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**MERRIAM THEATER WELCOMES
EMMY® AWARD-WINNING CHOREOGRAPHER TRAVIS WALL
AND HIS DANCE COMPANY SHAPING SOUND
FOR BRAND NEW CONTEMPORARY DANCE SHOW
AFTER THE CURTAIN
MARCH 7, 2017**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, January 24, 2017) — America's hottest contemporary dance company, Shaping Sound, will perform a groundbreaking new show titled *After The Curtain* at the Kimmel Center's Merriam Theater, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Founded in 2012 by Emmy Award winning choreographer Travis Wall, known for his work on shows including *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Dancing with the Stars*, the company is a collaboration of diverse artists who describe themselves as 'visual musicians' – their dance gives shape and form to sound. This thrilling new show showcases a story told through movement about a man fighting to find his creative voice after the death of his one true love.

"Travis Wall has danced his way into our hearts over the course of his incredibly successful career, appearing in and choreographing award-winning pieces for hit shows," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We cannot wait to watch his 'visual musicians' in action – sharing this incredible story solely through movement."

After The Curtain is the second show for the eclectic dance company, following on the heels of the spell-binding *Dance Reimagined* which toured North America for four years. Conceived and choreographed by Travis Wall, the heart-wrenching, breathtaking, and ultimately uplifting show is one that audiences will remember forever. Travis Wall will be dancing in the show throughout the tour schedule, and he will be joined in various cities by his Shaping Sound co-founders Kyle Robinson and Nick Lazzarini.

Shaping Sound was founded in Los Angeles in 2012 by Travis Wall, Nick Lazzarini, Teddy Forance, and dance visionary Kyle Robinson. The four young dancers broke into public awareness with the debut of their reality television series *All The Right Moves* on the Oxygen channel, which followed them in their quest to launch the dance company. Since that time they have been showcased on all of America's popular prime time dance, awards, entertainment, and music shows, including: *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Dancing With The Stars*, *Glee* and *The 2013 Prime Time Emmy Awards*. They were featured in Carrie Underwood's Grammy Award-winning music video "Something in the Water," and they are frequent guests on *The Ellen Show*. The company's vision is to transform contemporary dance into a mainstream form of entertainment through unique blends of jazz, modern, and hip-hop choreography that help provide audiences with both access to and an understanding of contemporary dance.

Travis Wall, Artistic Director, is the winner of the 2015 Emmy Award for Outstanding Choreography. He was the runner-up for the Fox reality show *So You Think You Can Dance Season 2* and is currently a resident choreographer for the national dance competition show. He is a five-time Emmy nominated choreographer for his work on *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Dancing with the Stars*. He choreographed the music video for Carrie Underwood's "Something In The Water," which won the CMT Video of the Year, as well as stage shows for Justin Bieber and Demi Lovato. Additional TV credits include choreographing the *82nd Academy Awards*, *Disneyland's 60th Anniversary Special* on ABC, the *2010 MTV Video Music Awards*, and an episode of *Pretty Little Liars* featuring Maddie Ziegler. He had the privilege of working with First Lady Michelle Obama on her Let's Move Campaign where he created the GimmeFive routine that was performed on *Ellen* and at The White House. Travis teaches with NUVO Dance Convention. @TravisWall.

Other upcoming performances on the Kimmel Center Campus include **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** (February 3 – 4, 2017, Merriam Theater), **iLuminate** (February 10 – 11, Merriam Theater), **Balé Folclórico da Bahía** (February 17, 2017, Merriam Theater), **DRUMLine Live** (March 9 – 10, 2017, Merriam Theater), and **PHILADANCO** (April 13 - 15, 2017, Perelman Theater).

SHAPING SOUND: AFTER THE CURTAIN

Merriam Theater

March 7, 2017, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$39.50. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at 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. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

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