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Philadelphia's own Lucas Brown comes to the @KimmelCenter with his thought-provoking world premiere #jazz project SkyViews in SEI Innovation Studio on 4/28. More info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**PHILADELPHIA JAZZ ORGANIST AND COMPOSER  
LUCAS BROWN COMES TO THE  
KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS WITH *SKYVIEWS*,  
A WORLD PREMIERE JAZZ PROJECT,  
APRIL 28, 2019**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, February 28, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is delighted to welcome Philadelphia jazz organist and composer **Lucas Brown** to the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts' SEI Innovation Studio on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for ***SKYVIEWS by Lucas Brown***, a world premiere jazz project. In this musical exploration of how we set our own rules, composer Lucas Brown wrestles with the demons we all face and finds out how to go beyond the limitations and boundaries of self-doubt.

"We love to showcase local artists on our Cultural Campus who are committed to growing Philadelphia as an arts mecca through diverse programs and new works," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Brown's talent transcends pure musicality to reach audiences on a more personal level. This world premiere event is the perfect addition to the Kimmel Center's Jazz Appreciation Month offerings."

RJ Johnson raves that Lucas Brown's diverse style combines "the soulful feel of a classic organist such as Jimmy Smith with the advanced vocabulary of today's inquisitive improvising musicians." A graduate of Temple University and Westminster Choir College, Lucas Brown excels in both Jazz and Classical

Music, performing at venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Smithsonian Museum, the Jazz Standard, and the Blue Note.

He has performed with such Jazz artists as Pat Martino, Eric Alexander, Terell Stafford, Larry McKenna, Bootsie Barnes, Tim Warfield, and Gerald Veasley as well as with Opera Philadelphia and The Philadelphia Orchestra. As a member of the American Guild of Organists, Lucas has been on the programming team for the Kimmel Center's annual Organ Day extravaganza and has performed for multiple years at Organ Day on the Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ with a Jazz band.

In addition to Brown, the performance will feature Behn Gillece (vibraphone), Doug Hirlinger (drums), Sean Markey (guitar), Victor North (saxophone), Elliot Bild (trumpet), and Nick Lombardelli (trombone).

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Monterey Jazz Festival on Tour** (March 23, 2019, Verizon Hall), **Jazz Orchestra of Philadelphia – *Get Organized*** (June 1, 2019, Verizon Hall), **Dan Blacksberg/Rabbi Yosef Goldman World Premiere** (June 6, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), **David Allen/Raquel Salas Rivera/Diane Monroe World Premiere** (June 7, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio), and **Dariel Peniazek/Maya Peniazek/Ariacne Trujillo World Premiere** (June 8, 2019, SEI Innovation Studio).

#### **SKYVIEWS BY LUCAS BROWN**

**SEI Innovation Studio**

*April 28, 2019, 7:00 p.m.*

#### **Tickets**

This is a FREE event. Tickets for additional Kimmel Center programming can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://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](http://www.kimmelcenter.org) for more information.

#### **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 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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