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UNIQUE SUMMER CAMP OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS AT THE KIMMEL CENTER

FREE PROGRAMS INCLUDE NEWLY EXPANDED SHOWSTOPPERS PROGRAM AND JAZZ CAMP OF PHILADELPHIA INTENSIVE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, March 15, 2017) —The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is proud to offer three summer programs for Philadelphia youth in the areas of musical theater and jazz. The Kimmel Center Campus will host a brand new installment of the free ShowStoppers musical theater program (added by popular demand), the free Jazz Camp of Philadelphia summer intensive, and the longstanding Broadway Dreams summer intensive.

“The Kimmel Center is focused on introducing children to the arts early and often. We are therefore thrilled to present these summer offerings, allowing us to engage students all year long,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “It is critical to our region that there be free opportunities to help cultivate young talent. ShowStoppers and Jazz Camp are two excellent examples of free programs that will help this generation train and grow as artists.”

The programs offer well-rounded opportunities to students of varying disciplines throughout the summer. The Jazz Camp of Philadelphia intensive is open to students ages 13 through 20 and features expert instruction in areas like theory, ear training, improvisation, and industry topics including music technology & recording. The ShowStoppers musical theater program, now in its 4th year, has been expanded to include this summer session due to growing popularity and will culminate in a Summer Revue in the Kimmel Center’s Merriam Theater. Returning for its fourth year, the Broadway Dreams Foundation presents its week-long musical theater summer intensive, which is open to students ages 6 to 67.

SHOWSTOPPERS (FREE)

Auditions: April 14 and 29, 2017

Camp: June 26– July 28

Ages: Students in Grades 9-12

Now in its fourth year, ShowStoppers is an exhilarating FREE musical theater program for high school students grade 9–12 in the Delaware Valley. Helmed under the leadership and direction of Kimmel Center Education Manager Carol Frazier, the ShowStoppers program and performances feature vocal artistry, amazing acting, and captivating choreography taught by Kimmel Center teaching artists Reginald Pindell, Jennifer Blaine, and Jaquetta Colson. Each program culminates in a free performance at the Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater. The ShowStoppers program is graciously supported by David and Patricia Holveck.

JAZZ CAMP OF PHILADELPHIA (FREE)

Auditions: May 27, 2017, 12:00 p.m., Merck Multi-Purpose Room

Camp: July 17 through July 28 (excluding weekends)

Ages: 13–20

Built on a decade of excellence in arts education, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is proud to offer its two-week summer intensive to up-and-coming musicians and vocalists! Selected by audition, students ages 13–20 will explore jazz technique, repertoire, and performance. The robust curriculum provides students with instruction in musicianship, ensemble interaction, and the creative process but most importantly, Jazz Camp allows this generation's brightest young jazz talents to gain invaluable experience, alongside students from near and far, in a creative live performance setting on the Kimmel Center's world-class campus. The program also includes daily celebrity lead master classes, jam sessions featuring celebrity rhythm sections, and special concerts!

BROADWAY DREAMS

Acting Intensive: August 4–5, 2017

Musical Theater Intensive: August 5–13, 2017

Ages: 6-67

Students who participate in the week-long Broadway Dreams Summer Intensive receive personal instruction from Broadway performers and industry professionals on acting, vocal technique, song selection, dance, business, and more. Students get the chance to audition for top Broadway casting directors and agents. The week concludes with a professional showcase starring students alongside their Broadway idols.

Broadway Dreams offers aspiring stars:

- Top-notch educational curriculum
- Tony Award®-winning Broadway faculty
- Auditions for casting directors, agents, directors, and choreographers
- A chance to be nominated to perform in the BDF New York Showcase in November

Tuition information available at <http://broadwaydreams.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 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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