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Kimmel Center reveals details of new #TeacherAppreciation program with 1,000 free tickets & special discounts! More at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org)

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## **KIMMEL CENTER INTRODUCES NEW TEACHER APPRECIATION INITIATIVE FOR 2016–17 SEASON**

### **Newly-launched program will provide 1,000 free tickets to local teachers plus educator discount**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, October 27, 2016) — New for the 2016–17 season, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts – in partnership with The School District of Philadelphia and The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers – has announced the details of a new Teacher Appreciation Program. In celebration of Philadelphia’s most inspiring teachers, the organization will give away 1,000 free tickets throughout the season and has instated a special discount for educators of up to 35% percent for select performances.

In addition to the Center’s already robust free and low-cost educational programs, this initiative aims to reward educators for their tireless efforts to shape the next generation of arts lovers in Philadelphia. Principals can nominate inspiring teachers by sending an email to [teachers@kimmelcenter.org](mailto:teachers@kimmelcenter.org) and highlighting why they are deserving.

“We hope this program will help us reach more educators than ever before. It is our way to show appreciation for their work and to introduce them to the fantastic, free educational resources that the Kimmel Center has to offer,” said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Part of our mission is to provide vital arts education and community programming, and this new initiative showcases our commitment to this most deserving and influential group.”

The following Kimmel Center Resident Companies are also participating in the program offering free or discounted tickets: Opera Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, Curtis Institute of

Music, and PHILADANCO. For more information on the Teacher Appreciation Program and how to get involved, please visit <https://www.kimmelcenter.org/community-programs/teacher-appreciation/>.

Another upcoming opportunity for educators on the Kimmel Center Campus is the **Arts Education Fair**, taking place November 16th from 3:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. The free event – hosted by the Kimmel Center, Philadelphia’s Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy (Creative Philadelphia), and the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance – will give educators the opportunity to network with representatives from the Kimmel Center Education Department and its Resident Companies, as well as other local youth and school programs arts education opportunities, and more. The event will feature prize packages, ticket giveaways, and teaching demonstrations. To RSVP to the event or register a table, please visit [here](#).

### **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 University of the Arts’ 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](http://kimmelcenter.org).

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