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**THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS THE
HILARIOUS STYLINGS OF CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED COMEDIANS,
THE IMPROVISED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
JUNE 7 – 8, 2019**

“One of the most reliably clever and funny improv troupes in the country.”- The New York Times

“Smart, sophisticated, downright hilarious.” – Time Out Chicago

“Mind-Blowing!”- Edge Miami

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, May 7, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus welcomes outstanding improv group **The Improvised Shakespeare Company** to the Perelman Theater on Friday, June 7 & Saturday, June 8, 2019. Based on one audience suggestion (a title for a play that has yet to be written), the company creates a fully improvised play in Elizabethan style onstage before attendees.

“The Improvised Shakespeare Company is a breath of fresh air every single night,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “Their comedic style is refreshing and bold, crafting exciting new storylines in the style of one of the most beloved playwrights of all-time: the Bard himself. This show is the perfect addition to our growing comedy series on the Cultural Campus, and we can truly say it’s an original – no two shows are the same!”

Often called the most successful improv show in the history of the art form, The Improvised Shakespeare Company has received many awards since originating its critically-acclaimed show for sold-out audiences in 2005. They are based out of iO Theater in Chicago and have been featured at festivals and events around the country. The incredibly talented cast has performed with the biggest names in comedy including ComedySportz, The Second City, and Upright Citizen's Brigade.

Notable names who've performed with the company include Thomas Middleditch (of Verizon Wireless commercial fame, as well as *The Office* and HBO's *Silicon Valley*), as well as internationally-renowned actor Patrick Stewart.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **Freakonomics Radio Live!** (June 6, 2019, Merriam Theater), **The Second City: *She The People*** (June 13-22, 2019, Perelman Theater), and **John Cusack: *Say Anything*** (June 22, 2019, Academy of Music).

THE IMPROVISED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Perelman Theater

June 7, 2019, 8:00 p.m.

June 8, 2019, 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now starting at \$35.00. 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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