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@WarriorWriters partners with @KimmelCenter for a FREE Veterans' Day Celebration featuring captivating music and poetry, 11/10! More info @ kimmelcenter.org.

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS PARTNERS WITH  
WARRIOR WRITERS FOR A VETERANS' DAY POETRY AND  
MUSIC CELEBRATION  
*TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE WIRE*  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, October 9, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus is proud to continue its ongoing partnership with Warrior Writers, a national veteran-focused arts organization, to present *Traveling Outside the Wire*, a free afternoon of intriguing poetry and performance, in SEI Innovation Studio on November 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. In honor of Veteran's Day, *Traveling Outside the Wire* will feature veterans sharing their artistic renditions of traveling related to basic training, deployments, post-military service, and more.

Poems may include folks they met along the way, new foods and/or culture, and what it was like to travel on someone else's terms. Veteran artists from near and far will collaborate with local musicians to bring their poetry and stories alive in a powerful way. This unique afternoon will help expand the understanding of the range of experiences veterans have and will showcase some incredible musicians, including former Kimmel Center 2017-18 Jazz Residency artist, Luke Carlos O'Reilly.

"It is an honor to acknowledge Veteran's Day through a partnership with local, artistic servicemen and women," said Anne Ewers, President & CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Our Cultural Campus serves the Philadelphia community as a place for conversation, tackling important topics in an

accessible and respectful way. We hope this evening with Warrior Writers brings inspiration and empowerment to the artists and the audience.”

*“Traveling Outside the Wire* illuminates veterans' authentic experiences, in a celebratory and inclusive manner,” said Jay Wahl, Producing Artistic Director of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. *“Alongside other similar community-based events like our annual Songs You Left Behind, this event truly embraces our mission to engage Philadelphians with art through performance and education.”*

*“Collaborating with local musicians is a creative and unique way for us to all engage in re-integration and connect with our community. Personally, I found the process allowed me to really push myself to perform better, as well as allowing myself and the audience to feel my poetry on another level.” – Michael Miller, an artist on the project who served in the Marines and part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.*

Warrior Writers is a veteran-focused arts organizations that fosters artistic exploration and expression through casual, welcoming workshops and retreats to help veterans transition back to civilian life. Creative works are shared with the public in the form of books, performances, and exhibitions, empowering veterans to share experiences openly and artistically, and providing opportunities for the broader public to understand veterans’ experiences.

## **TRAVELING OUTSIDE THE WIRE**

**Kimmel Center Cultural Campus’ SEI Innovation Studio**

*November 10, 2019, 3:00 p.m.*

### **Tickets**

This is a FREE but ticketed event on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus. Tickets can be reserved by calling 215-893-1999, online at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. General group sales for additional Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presentations 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 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 2019-2020 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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