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Calling all singers! Come to @KimmelCenter for "Silent Night Sing-In 2019," #silentnightphilly 12/16, produced by WRTI 90.1 & featuring composer/conductor John Conahan. Ring in the holidays with two beloved Christmas carols & fellow Philadelphians! Info @ kimmelcenter.org

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**KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS, WRTI 90.1, AND  
COMPOSER/CONDUCTOR JOHN CONAHAN PRESENT  
FREE & INCLUSIVE *SILENT NIGHT SING-IN*  
EVENT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND CHOIRS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, November 4, 2019) – The Kimmel Center Cultural Campus presents the second annual *Silent Night Sing-In*, a FREE event in the Kimmel Center’s Commonwealth Plaza on Monday, December 16, 2019. Singers and diverse ensembles from across the Greater Philadelphia region are invited to join together for the region’s largest “sing-in” of the holiday classics "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." Philadelphia composer/conductor John Conahan will be onsite to lead singers in new arrangements of these beloved melodies that are easy to learn for any musical skill level.

“We are thrilled to once again present Silent Night Sing-In, alongside other FREE & community-minded holiday programming like our annual Tuba Christmas concerts with 100+ musicians, and the brand new five-concert series Gospel on the Plaza,” said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. “All of these events take place in our Commonwealth Plaza, a public space intended for community gatherings & shared connectivity. While we are thrilled to activate this space throughout the holiday season, we also share FREE programs with Philadelphians all season long, from Latin music & dance, to family-friendly musical theater & jazz lessons, and more.”

WRTI 90.1 FM Classical Host Gregg Whiteside will join the event as emcee, sharing his thoughts on the significance of these well-known melodies and kicking off the performance. A positive space for singers to join together in song, the *Silent Night Sing-In* began in 2018 as a way to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the time-honored "Silent Night" holiday carol.

"This is what we mean when we talk about community," says WRTI 90.1's Gregg Whiteside. "It's the power of music to uplift us all, to bring us together in song, to create a joyous experience."

"The goal is to provide a warm and comfortable space for singers of all backgrounds to connect and be a part of something positive. It's a celebration of the connectivity of music in our beloved city," says composer/conductor John Conahan.

This event is FREE and registration is encouraged, but not required. Singers of all levels are invited to participate. Registration, sheet music, and voice-part learning files can be found online at [www.silentnightphilly.com](http://www.silentnightphilly.com).

### **SILENT NIGHT SING-IN**

**Kimmel Center Cultural Campus' Commonwealth Plaza**

*December 16, 2019*

*(6:00 p.m. Arrival, 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. performance)*

### **Tickets**

This is a free, non-ticketed event. Registration is suggested, but not required.

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**WRTI 90.1** is a member-supported, classical music and jazz public media station located in Philadelphia, with 14 frequencies serving listeners in PA, NJ, and DE. The mission of WRTI is to champion music as a vital cultural resource with core values of discovery, curation, performance, community, and preservation. Listen on the radio, online at [WRTI.org](http://WRTI.org), on the WRTI App, and on your favorite smart speaker.

**John Conahan** is a composer, performer, conductor, and educator based in Philadelphia. His compositions have been premiered at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center, and other prestigious venues by conductors, including Lorin Maazel, Marin Alsop, and Donald Nally. One of Conahan's works was featured at the 2018 Kennedy Center Honors Ceremony in Washington DC.

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

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