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**2017 ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
YES
JON ANDERSON, TREVOR RABIN,
RICK WAKEMAN ARE SET TO PERFORM
ON THE VERIZON HALL STAGE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, August 31, 2017) — The wait is over. The legendary rock band YES is back after a 25 year hiatus, and it's kicking off a global tour with a stop in Philadelphia.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in association with BRE Presents & LME are proud to announce that the **2017 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductees** will take the **Verizon Hall** stage on **October 1 at 7:30PM**. Long-time **YES** fans can rejoice as **Jon Anderson, Trevor Rabin, Rick Wakeman** will reform the definitive **YES** line-up as **Anderson, Rabin, Wakeman (ARW)**.

"As one of the most influential and outstanding progressive rock bands in history, YES has transcended musical genres and accrued noteworthy accomplishment throughout its career," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "It is truly a surreal experience to be able to welcome these divine musicians to our campus, to put on what is sure to be a stunning performance for rock fans everywhere."

Since last playing together as **YES** in 1990 on the highly successful 'Union Tour,' there have been several hybrid versions of the English rock band, however, none that featured the iconic voice of founding member **Jon Anderson**, the outstanding talent of guitarist **Trevor Rabin**, and the keyboard wizardry of

Rick Wakeman, until now. Currently, ARW's goal is to restore the standard of excellence in performance that was established with their 1990s show, when YES members past and present came together for the only time of the legendary band's career.

Founded by Jon Anderson in London in 1968, the band has undergone various member formations throughout its history, all-in-all, featuring 19 musicians as full timers throughout the band's career. From their start, YES has explored an array of musical styles, including rock, pop, blues, and jazz, but are most notably regarded as the pioneers of progressive rock. In 1983, guitarist **Trevor Rabin** joined the band, bringing forth a more commercial, pop-oriented musical direction, resulting in their highest selling album to date. Keyboardist **Rick Wakeman** joined the band in 1971 and played across five tenures of the group between 1971 and 2004.

YES has sold 13.5 million RIAA-certified albums in the U.S., won a Grammy® Award for Best Rock Instrumental Performance in 1985, and received five additional Grammy® nominations between 1985 and 1992. This past April, **YES** was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

YES FEATURING JON ANDERSON, TREVOR RABIN, RICK WAKEMAN AS ARW

Verizon Hall

October 1, 2017, 7:30 PM

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$69.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Attendees can purchase various VIP packages including: Front Row Meet & Greet, Meet & Greet, Hot Sound Package, Gold Hot Seat Package, and Silver Hot Seat Package. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

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