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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
A *MAGICAL CIRQUE CHRISTMAS*,
UNITING THE GREATEST ACROBATIC
ENTERTAINERS FOR A
DAZZLING HOLIDAY PRODUCTION
NOVEMBER 20, 2021**

**With Master of Ceremonies, Guinness World Record holder,
and 2019 Stage Magician of the Year,
Lucy Darling**

**“*A Magical Cirque Christmas* dazzles with music, illusion, acrobatics...”
– *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review***

**“The magic of circus and Christmas rolled into jaw-dropping ornament after another.”
– *The Cedar Rapids Gazette***

**“Lucy Darling is a true original-hilarious and delightful. An exceptional new talent in
magic.”
– David Copperfield**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 14, 2021) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents ***A Magical Cirque Christmas*** at the Kimmel Cultural Campus’ **Merriam Theater** on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The world’s greatest Cirque entertainers unite for a spellbinding, incredible holiday production – ***A Magical Cirque Christmas!*** Get into the spirit of the season with this merry treat that’s perfect for the entire family. Attendees will experience the enchantment of Christmas as Magical Hostess Lucy Darling leads them through an evening of dazzling performers and breathtaking cirque artists, accompanied by everyone’s favorite holiday music performed LIVE.

“There’s nothing like bringing friends and family together at the holidays to experience the singular power of the arts,” said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and soon-to-be president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. “Family-friendly shows like *A Magical Cirque Christmas* showcase the power of collaboration, introducing young audiences to a variety of spectacular art forms. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with this award-winning cast of awe-inspiring circus artists.”

A Magical Cirque Christmas is produced by Simon Painter, Tim Lawson, and Magicspace Entertainment. Painter and Lawson have created *Circus 1903–The Golden Age of Circus*, *LeGrand Cirque*, *Le Noir*, *Cirque Adrenaline*, and *The Illusionists* in over 250 cities from London to Sydney to Broadway. Lawson and Painter’s first collaboration was *Le Grand Cirque* at the Sydney Opera House, and the show broke every box office record in the history of that iconic venue.

Acclaimed magician Lucy Darling joins the all-star cast as the master of ceremonies. Darling was named 2019 Stage Magician of the Year by the Academy of Magical Arts Magic Castle in Los Angeles and has also appeared on *Penn & Teller: Fool Us*. Darling is a 10-time award-winning entertainer featured in the *Guinness Book of World Records* (2014), *Ripley’s Believe it or Not* (2015), and the star of the Super Channel documentary *Carisa Hendrix: Girl on Fire*, which tells the true story of the struggle to create her 2016 Las Vegas magic show.

In 2019, Darling was the recipient of the prestigious Allan Slaight award and voted Stage Magician of the Year at the Magic Castle. She set the Guinness World Record for how long she could hold a lit torch in her mouth, and in 2017, Darling won Best Comedy Magic Show at the Melbourne Magic Festival.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include ***A Charlie Brown Christmas*** (December 4, 2021, Merriam Theater), ***Leslie Odom, Jr. The Christmas Tour*** (December 18, 2021, Merriam Theater), ***STOMP*** (December 28 – January 2, 2022, Merriam Theater), and ***Rock The Organ - From Pink Floyd to Zappa on the King of Instruments*** (January 8, 2022, Verizon Hall).

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at www.kimmelculturalcampus.org. In-person ticket sales can be conducted daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 240 S. Broad Street. See www.kimmelculturalcampus.org for more information.

A MAGICAL CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

Kimmel Cultural Campus’ Merriam Theater
November 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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Safe & Clean Commitment + Flexible Ticket Policy

We will always put the safety of our guests, artists, and staff first, and we have worked closely with partners, producers, artists, guests and other performing arts centers around the nation to develop the most comprehensive plan to safely reopen our doors. We are committing to a healthy and clean environment with increased disinfection, enhanced ventilation, and will enforce recommended health authority guidelines, including masks and proof of vaccination.

For more information on our [Safe & Clean Commitment](#), please visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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Masks are required to be worn at all times when on the Kimmel Cultural Campus, except when actively consuming food or beverage in designated locations. Prolonged periods of mask removal are not permitted.

All attendees for public events must show proof of full vaccination at the time of entry, with valid photo ID and copy of vaccination card (physical or photo). Proof of negative COVID-19 tests will not be accepted, with the exception of children under the age of 12; children under 12 will be required to show a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of the event. This policy is subject to change based upon guidance from the CDC and local health authorities.

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KIMMEL 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 Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, and SEI Innovation Studio), 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 the proud Kimmel Cultural Campus Season Sponsor. Read Kimmel Cultural Campus' vision statement, world view, and mission statement [here](#). Learn more about our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and how it encompasses our mission, co-workers, and programs [here](#).

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