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One of the world's most gifted and celebrated music icons @ChakaKhan comes to @KimmelCC (Twitter) / @KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook/Instagram) on June 8! More info @ kimmelculturalcampus.org

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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS  
MUSIC ICON, SINGER, SONGWRITER,  
PHILANTHROPIST, AND ACTIVIST  
CHAKA KHAN  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022**

**10-time Grammy Award winner will take stage  
as part of Campus' annual Gala,  
which supports 100% FREE arts education programs**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (April 25, 2022) — The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents 10-time Grammy® Award winner and world-renowned R&B icon, Chaka Khan, on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at the Academy of Music at 8 p.m. As a singer, songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, entrepreneur, and activist, Khan has influenced generations of music creators during her four decades as an artist. She has the rare ability to bridge multiple musical genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music, and classical. Her timeless, unmatched vocal style and image is revered by millions of fans and peers.

Limited general admission tickets to only the Chaka Khan performance are available starting at \$59. For full ticket information or to purchase tickets to the Gala, see more information below.

“What a special headliner we have in Chaka Khan, whose career versatility as a recording artist, Broadway performer, activist, and philanthropist is remarkable,” said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. “We are grateful to have this performance open to the public and as part of our annual gala, raising funds to support our free education and community programs that help to ensure everyone has access to the transformative power of the arts.”

Khan's vocal intensity, soulfulness, and ability to work within different genres made artists in pop and rock take notice. During her legendary career, Khan has released 22 albums and racked up ten Number One songs on the Billboard charts, seven RIAA-certified gold singles, and ten RIAA-certified gold and platinum albums. Her recordings have resulted in more than 2,000 catalog song placements.

Still at the height of her astounding vocal powers, Chaka Khan is creating new projects and earning new honors. Her latest single, *Like Sugar*, has earned high marks from tastemakers; the track is from her brand-new album-length project *Hello Happiness*, from the first quarter of 2019. In addition, Khan made history once again, as she was named Grand Marshal of the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade, making her not only the first African American Grand Marshal in the traditional New Year's Day celebration's 130-year history, but the first Grand Marshal to perform during the parade.

Chaka Khan has received a steady stream of accolades for both her artistry and philanthropy. Her awards include the Soul Train Legend Award (2009), the BET Lifetime Achievement Award (2006), the Grammy® Honors Award from the NARAS Chicago Chapter (2006), and the World Music Award Lifetime Achievement Award (2003).

Khan has always made time to support and uplift her community. In 1999, inspired by her autistic nephew, she established the Chaka Khan Foundation to raise awareness, provide resources, and explore treatments for children with autism in underserved communities. She later expanded the mission of the foundation to focus on women and children at risk. In July 2012, Khan received the McDonald's Corporation's 365Black Award for her leadership of the Chaka Khan Foundation. The organization raised \$1.4 million for autism awareness and research, and, on behalf of the autism community, she lobbied on Capitol Hill meeting with the Black and Hispanic Caucuses' to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

Deeply committed to the health and safety of guests, artists, and staff and proudly certified by GBAC, the gold standard for infection prevention programs, the Kimmel Cultural Campus is requiring masks to be worn at all times, as well as proof of vaccination for those over 5. Additional details below.

Other featured upcoming performances in the Kimmel Cultural Campus' season include **Thee Phantom and the Illharmonic Orchestra** (April 30, 2022, Perelman Theater) and **Bria Skonberg** (June 12, 2022, Perelman Theater).

### **Tickets**

Tax-deductible tickets to the Kimmel Cultural Campus Gala, supporting ongoing education & community engagement programs, can be purchased at [www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/gala](http://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/gala) or by calling Hannah Lermite at 215-670-2386.

Limited tickets to the concert only portion of the evening can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at [www.kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://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](http://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org) for more information.

### **Chaka Khan**

Kimmel Cultural Campus' Academy of Music  
June 8, 2022, 8:00 p.m.

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### **Safe & Clean Commitment**

The Kimmel Cultural Campus is proudly certified by the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#) – the gold standard for cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention programs.

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.

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). Children under 5 are no longer required to show a negative PCR test or negative rapid result when accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult.

This policy is subject to change based upon guidance from the CDC and local health authorities. For more information on our [Safe & Clean Commitment](#) and the most up-to-date information about our policies, please visit [kimmelculturalcampus.org](http://kimmelculturalcampus.org).

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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 Miller Theater (formerly 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 The Philadelphia Orchestra and seven esteemed Resident Companies: 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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