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“A gorgeous, thrilling, heavenly musical.”

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“An adrenaline-pumping production.”

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**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR RETURNS TO
PHILADELPHIA ON THE KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS
WITH 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR,
MAY 2 – 7, 2023**

**University of the Arts Graduate, Jack Hopewell,
Stars In Title Role**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 4, 2023) – Following critically acclaimed, sold-out engagements in the UK, the reimagined 50th Anniversary tour of **Jesus Christ Superstar** comes to the Kimmel Cultural Campus' Miller Theater (formerly Merriam Theater) Tuesday – Sunday, May 2 – 7, 2023. The 2017 Olivier Award-winning production from Regent's Park Open Air Theatre is presented by the Kimmel Cultural Campus and The Shubert Organization.

"It has been over a decade since this phenomenal musical – the *Hamilton* of its generation that changed the Broadway landscape – has visited our Campus," said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "Based around the life of Christ but reflecting modern day issues, this 50th Anniversary production and renowned rock-opera score appeals to both theater fans and concert and music aficionados."

Jack Hopewell, a graduate of Philadelphia's University of the Arts, stars as **Jesus**, joined by **Elvie Ellis** as Judas and **Faith Jones** as Mary. The tour also welcomes **Grant Hodges** as Caiphas, **Nicholas Hambruch** as Pilate, and **Temple University graduate Kodiak Thompson** as Annas.

The ensemble includes **Ethan Hardy Benson, Joshua Bess, Jordan Wesley Brown, Jahlil M. Burke, Cooper Clack, Kalei Cotecson, Emma Cook, Lydia Eku, Savannah Fisher, Domanick Anton Hubbard, Haley Huelsman, Jeremy Makana Hurr, Brett Hennessey Jones, Lena Matthews, Hosea Mundi, L'Oreal Roache, Colin Robertson, Darren James Robinson, Erich W. Schleck** and **Lauren Soto**.

Featuring lyrics and music by Emmy, GRAMMY, Oscar, and Tony winners **Tim Rice** and **Andrew Lloyd Webber**, the North American tour of this iconic musical is helmed by acclaimed director **Timothy Sheader** and cutting-edge choreographer **Drew McOnie**. Rounding out the creative team are set and costume design by 2016 Tony Award nominee **Tom Scutt**, lighting design by **Lee Curran**, sound design by **Keith Caggiano** and **Nick Lidster**, with music supervision by **Tom Deering** and North American music supervisor **David Holcenberg**.

Jesus Christ Superstar is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas. Reflecting the rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes "I Don't Know How to Love Him," "Gethsemane," and "Superstar."

Jesus Christ Superstar is a proven musical phenomenon with a world-wide fan base, as demonstrated by NBC's 2022 *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert*. The live televised performance of this epic work attracted over 9.6 million viewers, earned the highest ratings in its time period, and received the highest critical ranking of any live musical event on network TV. On September 17, 2021, a variety of special edition *Jesus Christ Superstar* albums, remastered at Abbey Road, were released. These special anniversary editions are a celebration of the original 1970 double concept album and its continued success spanning an incredible 50 years.

Regent's Park Open Air Theatre production of **Jesus Christ Superstar** won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival, selling out two consecutive engagements in 2016 and 2017. The production played a West End engagement at the Barbican in 2019 before returning to Regent's Park Open Air Theatre in concert version during the summer of 2020.

The 2022 -2023 North American tour of ***Jesus Christ Superstar*** is produced by Work Light Productions. The original production was produced by London's Regent's Park Open Air Theatre.

For additional information about this production, please visit ustour.JesusChristSuperstar.com

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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.

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Miller Theater (formerly the Merriam Theater) on the Kimmel Cultural Campus
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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 six esteemed Resident Companies: Opera Philadelphia, Philadelphia Ballet, 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. 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, coworkers, and programs [here](#).

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