

EnsembleArts Philly

A non-profit organization presenting world-class performances at the Kimmel Center, Academy of Music, and Miller Theater

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Experience acclaimed poet, comedian, and author @alokvmenon live on their “Eat Pray Leave Tour” at the Kimmel Center on 9/4! Learn more at www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY
PRESENTS INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
POET, COMEDIAN, AND AUTHOR,
ALOK,
IN THEIR *EAT PRAY LEAVE TOUR*,
AN EVENING OF COMEDY, POETRY,
AND POWERFUL STORYTELLING,
SEPTEMBER 4, 2026**

**“ALOK has you on the edge of your seat listening to every single word they speak. Their charisma and performance are impressively seasoned.”
–Voice Magazine**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 25, 2026) – Ensemble Arts Philly presents internationally acclaimed poet, comedian, public speaker, and actor **ALOK** and their ***Eat Pray Leave Tour*** at the Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, September 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Blending poetry, stand-up comedy, and powerful storytelling, ALOK's live performances invite audiences into an evening of humor, vulnerability, and insight that challenge conventions while celebrating the beauty of human connection.

“ALOK's work demonstrates the unique power of live performance to foster empathy, curiosity, and connection,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “Through a compelling blend of comedy, poetry, and storytelling, they create space for audiences to reflect, laugh, and engage with ideas that feel both deeply personal and universally relevant. At Ensemble Arts Philly, we believe the arts bring people together across experiences and perspectives, and we are proud to present artists like ALOK whose work invites meaningful dialogue while celebrating our common humanity.”

ALOK has become one of the world's most influential voices on gender, creativity, and belonging. Their work seamlessly weaves together comedy, spoken word, and social commentary, creating performances that are as thought-provoking as they are entertaining. Having captivated audiences in more than 40 countries, ALOK has sold out performances at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and Netflix Is A Joke Festival, earning international recognition for their singular artistic voice.

ALOK's literary works – including *Beyond the Gender Binary*, *Femme in Public*, and *Your Wound, My Garden* – have garnered global acclaim. Their first comedy special, *BIOLOGY!*, was executive produced by Christopher Guest. They are also the subject of the 2024 Sundance Film Festival docu-short *ALOK*, executive produced by Jodie Foster and directed by Alex Hedison. On screen, ALOK has appeared in *Complicated Order*, *The Trans List*, and the forthcoming *Absolute Dominion*. Television credits include HBO's *The Sex Lives of College Girls*, *Sort Of*, and *Random Acts of Flyness*, as well as Hulu's *Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne* and Netflix's *Gender Agenda* comedy special and *Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness*.

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ensembleartsphilly.org, by calling 215-893-1999, or in person at the Academy of Music Box Office (240 S. Broad Street). For more information on the Academy of Music's Box Office hours, please visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

ALOK: Eat Pray Leave Tour

Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Wednesday, September 4, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

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Other featured upcoming performances include **R.F. Kuang – Taipei Story** (September 11, 2026, Miller Theater); **Shoshana Bean** (September 16, 2026, Miller Theater); **Sasha Velour – Travesty** (September 17, 2026, Miller Theater); **Brad Williams: The Tall Tales Tour** (September 18, 2026, Miller Theater); **Pat Metheny: Side-Eye III+** (September 19, 2026, Miller Theater); **Undertale: The Determination Symphony** (September 20, 2026, Marian Anderson Hall inside the Kimmel Center); **Anthony Jeselnik: Wrath of Man** (September 25– 26, 2026); **Brian Henson's Puppet Up!** (September 29, 2026, Miller Theater); and **MAMMA MIA!** (September 29–October 4, 2026, Academy of Music).

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