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✍️ Get ready, Philadelphia! The one and only @ ali.siddiq.92 (Facebook) / @alisiddiq (Instagram) is bringing the “In the Shadows Tour” to town, presented by @EnsembleArtsPhilly and @OutbackPresents. Catch this master storyteller and stand-up powerhouse for a night of sharp wit, real stories, and nonstop laughs at the Kimmel Center on 2/21. For more info, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY,
IN ASSOCIATION WITH OUTBACK PRESENTS,
WELCOMES ALI SIDDIQ AND HIS
IN THE SHADOWS TOUR
TO THE KIMMEL CENTER FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

“This is nervy humor, violence always looming. In stand-up, you wait for the punchline. Here, it’s the punch.” – *The New York Times*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (December 8, 2025) – Ensemble Arts Philly, in association with Outback Presents, welcomes comedian **Ali Siddiq** and his ***In the Shadows Tour*** to Marian Anderson Hall inside the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts on February 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. On the final leg of his acclaimed *In the Shadows Tour*, Siddiq will bring his signature stand-up storytelling to life, comedically recalling defining moments from his resilient journey.

Ali Siddiq’s career skyrocketed in 2022 with the release of his multi-part YouTube series, *Domino Effect*. The series chronicles Siddiq’s early life challenges beginning at age 10 through the end of his prison sentence in his early 20s. Following the success of *Domino Effect*, Siddiq released several additional specials on YouTube and Comedy Central, earning recognition for his distinctive, story-driven humor.

Earlier this year, Siddiq launched the *In the Shadows Tour*, captivating audiences nationwide. Due to overwhelming demand, he has added more than 20 additional cities for the tour’s final leg. Known for his deliberate pacing and immersive storytelling, Siddiq offers audiences a

refreshing alternative to fast-paced, punchline-heavy comedy. Fans can expect fresh stories from life on the road, sharp social commentary, and the same unfiltered honesty that has made his performances both hilarious and deeply relatable.

“Ali Siddiq doesn’t just perform; he draws the audience into his world,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “Through his relaxed storytelling and keen insight, he transforms everyday experiences into humor that’s sharp, honest, and deeply engaging. As a creative connector and presenter of more than 1,500 events annually, Ensemble Arts Philly is proud to present artists like Siddiq who bring people together through laughter, reflection, and shared experience.”

Other featured upcoming performances include **Paul Chowdhry: *Artificial Indian Tour '26*** (January 20, 2026, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **James Acaster** (January 23, 2026, Miller Theater); **Stavros Halkias: *The Dreamboat Tour*** (January 31, 2026, Miller Theater); **Blue Man Group** (February 21–March 1, 2026, Miller Theater); **Kurt Elling: *Wildflowers*** (February 27, 2026, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **David Nihil: *Taking Tangents Tour*** (March 8, 2026, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **Emmet Cohen: *Miles and Coltrane at 100*** (March 20, 2026, Miller Theater); **Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare® *Hamlet*** (March 20– 21, 2026, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); and **Mae Martin: *The Possum*** (March 27, 2026, Miller Theater).

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) daily from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

Ali Siddiq is offering a VIP package that includes one top-priced reserved ticket in the best available seating. VIP ticket holders will also have the chance to capture the moment with a post-show meet and greet with Ali Siddiq – limited to one per household.

Ali Siddiq: *In the Shadows Tour*

Marian Anderson Hall inside the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Saturday, February 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Suggested age: 14+

This event will be a phone-free experience. Use of cellphones, smart accessories, cameras, or recording devices will not be permitted in the performance space. Upon arrival at the venue, all phones, smart watches, and accessories will be secured in Yondr pouches that will be opened at the end of the event. Guests maintain possession of their belongings at all times and can access their phones throughout the event at designated Phone Use Areas in the venue. All phones will be re-secured in Yondr pouches before returning to the event space.

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