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👤 Calling all comedy lovers! Award-winning @birbig (X/Twitter/Instagram)/@birbigfans (Facebook) brings his newest show #PleaseStopTheRide to Philly, presented by @EnsembleArtsPhilly (Facebook/Instagram)/@EnsembleArtsPHL (Twitter/X) and @livenation! Get ready to laugh, cry, and everything in between. For more info, visit [www.ensembleartsphilly.org](http://www.ensembleartsphilly.org)

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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY, IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
LIVE NATION, PRESENTS  
WORLD-RENOWNED COMEDIAN, WRITER,  
ACTOR, AND STORYTELLER,  
MIKE BIRBIGLIA AND HIS SHOW,  
*PLEASE STOP THE RIDE*,  
OCTOBER 11, 2024**

**"Birbiglia's 'Please Stop the Ride' is a tour-de-force of stand-up comedy, and a powerful exploration of the human condition."**

**– *The Hollywood Reporter***

**"Birbiglia's latest show is a triumph of storytelling, and a must-see for fans of comedy and theater alike."**

**– *The Washington Post***

**"Birbiglia is at the top of his game in this hilarious and moving show that explores the complexities of marriage and fatherhood."**

**– *Variety***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (August 29, 2024)** – Ensemble Arts Philly, in association with Live Nation, is pleased to present multi award-winning comedian, **Mike Birbiglia**, in his newest show, ***Please Stop the Ride***, at the Academy of Music on October 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Audiences can expect Birbiglia's signature fusion of comedy and storytelling, wrapped in themes such as family, ambition, and the ironies of life.

“A successful comedian boasts a uniqueness of storytelling and superb delivery,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “Mike Birbiglia’s comedic style weaves his own personal experiences into the narrative to create something more than just a generic night of laughter; it’s a behind-the-curtain view into his life, generating intimacy along the way.”

Birbiglia is a comedian, writer, director, and actor who has performed his award-winning solo shows worldwide—from the Sydney Opera House to the West End of London to Broadway. His five solo shows—*Sleepwalk With Me*, *My Girlfriend’s Boyfriend*, *Thank God For Jokes*, *The New One*, and *The Old Man & The Pool*—enjoyed successful runs on and off Broadway and became hit Netflix comedy specials. The shows merge storytelling and comedy in a way that *The New York Times* has called “Birbiglian.”

Birbiglia also wrote, directed, and starred in the films *Sleepwalk with Me* and *Don’t Think Twice*. As an actor, Birbiglia has appeared in the films *Trainwreck*, *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Popstar*, and *A Man Called Otto*, as well as TV roles in *Orange Is the New Black* and *Billions*. He hosts the podcast *Mike Birbiglia’s Working It Out*.

Other featured upcoming performances include ***An Evening with Fran Lebowitz*** (September 7, 2024, Miller Theater); ***The Life and Music of George Michael*** (September 19, 2024, Miller Theater); ***Leslie Jones: LIVE*** (September 21, 2024, Miller Theater); ***Hannah Gadsby: WOOF!*** (September 22, 2024, Miller Theater); ***An Evening with Ina Garten*** (October 9, 2024, Academy of Music); ***MrBallen: The Strange, Dark & Mysterious Tour*** (October 12, 2024, Miller Theater); ***Brian Regan*** (October 18, 2024, Miller Theater); ***Tommy Tiernan: Tommedian*** (October 26, 2024, Perelman Theater); ***Girls Gotta Eat: No Crumbs Tour*** (October 26, 2024, Miller Theater); ***The Rocky Horror Picture Show 49th Anniversary Spectacular Tour with Barry Bostwick*** (October 29, 2024, Miller Theater); ***Eddie B: Teachers Only Comedy Tour*** (November 1, 2024, Miller Theater); ***Pinky Patel: #saidwhatsaid Tour*** (November 2, 2024, Perelman Theater); and ***Dan and Phil: Terrible Influence*** (November 8, 2024, Miller Theater).

### **Tickets**

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at [www.ensembleartsphilly.org](http://www.ensembleartsphilly.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.ensembleartsphilly.org](http://www.ensembleartsphilly.org) for more information.

### **Mike Birbiglia: *Please Stop the Ride***

Academy of Music

Friday, October 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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