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ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BOWERY PRESENTS, WELCOMES COMEDY LEGEND TOM PAPA AND HIS *GRATEFUL BREAD TOUR*, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

“Tom Papa’s got your back... plus some tips for your sourdough starter...
[He] has become a fount of happy distractions and avuncular wisdom”
– *The Washington Post*

“[Papa] knows life is full of chaos and disappointments — crappy meals, fear of the dark, and endless bad news — but instead of letting it crush you, he invites you to laugh about it.”
– *Seattle Magazine*

“Tom Papa isn’t just one of our most hilarious comic minds,
he is also a big-hearted observer of the human condition.”
– Judd Apatow

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 2, 2025) – Ensemble Arts Philly, in association with The Bowery Presents, welcomes celebrated comedian and Netflix star, **Tom Papa**, with his ***Grateful Bread Tour*** at Marian Anderson Hall inside the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts on **November 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** Tom Papa has built a remarkable career over three decades as a comedian, actor, writer, and radio host, celebrated for his observational humor and relatable storytelling. From touring with Jerry Seinfeld to hosting multiple Sirius XM shows and releasing acclaimed Netflix specials, Papa has become a beloved figure in comedy by blending wit with heartfelt reflections on everyday life.

Papa has six highly rated stand-up specials, including his most recent Netflix special, *Home Free*, that premiered in October 2024. In it, he holds nothing back, as his kids are finally out of the house, and it's just him, his wife, and their animals returning to their glory days. He has seen a lot over the years, from close calls with pachinko balls to late-night 7-Eleven runs, and he's sharing his many thoughts as he parties into the next stage of life. Papa's other specials include *What A Day!*, *You're Doing Great!*, *Human Mule*, *Freaked Out*, and *Tom Papa: Live in New York City*, two of which were directed by Rob Zombie.

"Tom Papa is a master of relatable storytelling and observational humor, making friends and earning respect from fellow comedians and audiences," said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. "He joins a robust lineup of fall comedians, including Whitney Cummings, Kevin Bridges, Hasan Minhaj and Ronny Chieng, Leanne Morgan, Gary Gulman, and Jimmy Carr."

Papa has starred in many fan-favorite films, including *Paper Spiders* where he starred opposite Lili Taylor; *The Informant!* opposite Matt Damon; *Analyze That* opposite Robert DeNiro; and *The Haunted World of El Superbeasto* opposite Paul Giamatti. He can also be seen alongside Michael Douglas and Matt Damon in the HBO film *Behind the Candelabra*, which was directed by Steven Soderbergh and won 11 Emmys.

Papa is the host of the weekly podcast *Breaking Bread with Tom Papa*, which features Papa and his guests eating, drinking, and celebrating the true meaning of breaking bread with insightful, revealing, and always funny conversations. He also hosts the popular daily Netflix radio show *What A Joke with Papa and Fortune* and the monthly show *Come to Papa Live*.

In 2023, Papa released his highly anticipated third book, *We're All in This Together...So Make Some Room*. The book compiles comedic essays that aim to unite us through our stupidity. His second book, *You're Doing Great!: And Other Reasons to Stay Alive*, the follow up to *Your Dad Stole My Rake: And Other Family Dilemmas*, made 'Summer Must Read' lists from *Parade* magazine to *The New York Post*. Papa is also a contributing writer for *The New Yorker*.

Other featured upcoming performances include **TwoSet Violin** (October 7, 2025, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **Nate Smith** (October 11, 2025, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson: *The Cosmic Perspective*** (October 20, 2025, Marian Anderson Hall inside the Kimmel Center); **Jimmy Carr: *Laughs Funny*** (November 6, 2025, Miller Theater); **The Moth Mainstage** (November 7, 2025, Miller Theater); **Asi Wind: *More Than Magic*** (November 8, 2025, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **An Evening with Samara Joy** (November 11, 2025, Miller Theater); **Guenter Steiner: *Unfiltered LIVE*** (November 13, 2025, Miller Theater); **Gary Gulman: *Grandiloquent*** (November 14–15, 2025, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **Whitney Cummings: *Big Baby*** (November 22, 2025, Miller Theater); **The Jinx & DeLa Holiday Show** (November 29, 2025, Miller Theater); **PHILADANCO! *Then & Now*** (December 5–7, 2025, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); **A Soulful Christmas** (December 9, 2025, Marian Anderson Hall inside the Kimmel Center); **Blippi: *Join the Band Tour*** (December 10, 2025, Miller Theater); and **Béla Fleck & the Flecktones: *Jingle all the Way*** (December 12, 2025, 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.

Tom Papa: *Grateful Bread Tour*

Marian Anderson Hall inside the Kimmel Center

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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