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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS AND
THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA HOST
PHILADELPHIA FALL ARTS FEST,
FREE FESTIVAL-STYLE EVENT
CELEBRATING THE FALL ARTS SEASON WITH MORE
THAN 50 DIVERSE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS
FROM ACROSS THE REGION,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 11 AM – 4:30 PM**

*Public invited to celebrate Philadelphia’s robust arts and cultural scene,
interacting with regional cultural organizations
and enjoying MORE THAN 25 FREE
performances and activities*

*Day culminates in FREE grand finale performance by
The Philadelphia Orchestra at 3:30 PM*

Plus, specially priced \$25 tickets available for select
performances across the season (promotional pricing, in-person only*)*

For Immediate Release: Philadelphia, PA (August 29, 2023) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus and

The Philadelphia Orchestra celebrate the kickoff of Philadelphia's robust arts and cultural season with *Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest*, a day of FREE festival-style performances and the chance to interact with more than 50 arts organizations from across the region!

This annual event brings thousands of arts and entertainment lovers together under the soaring vaulted glass roof of the Kimmel Center and shines a spotlight on the rich and diverse arts and culture scene across the City of Brotherly and Sisterly Love.

The day culminates in a FREE concert from The GRAMMY-winning Philadelphia Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. in Verizon Hall led by Assistant Conductor Austin Chanu. This program includes works by Leonard Bernstein, Florence Price, and Pyotr Tchaikovsky. Associate Principal Bassist Gabriel Polinsky will also perform as a soloist with the Orchestra for the first time in selections from Sergei Koussevitzky's Double Bass Concerto. Admission for the Orchestra performance is free, but tickets are required for entry and can be reserved starting Tuesday, August 29 at 10 a.m. [here](#) or at <https://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/events-and-tickets/2023-24/the-philadelphia-orchestra/verizon-hall/free-philadelphia-fall-arts-fest-concert/>.

All other events throughout Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest will not require a ticket and are free and open to the public, and additional programming details will be announced in September. Sign up for email alerts at www.kimmelculturalcampus.org.

"There really is no other event on our calendar quite like *Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest*," said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. "This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Philadelphia's thriving arts scene."

Taking place Saturday, September 23, from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., attendees are invited inside the largest Kimmel Cultural Campus building – the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts at 300 S. Broad Street. Arts organizations from across the region will participate in the festivities – either by performing or presenting information about their upcoming programming, as well as by recruiting staff and volunteers.

Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest guests are welcome to explore activities and demonstrations highlighting genres ranging from tap dance to jazz, Broadway to classical, opera to ballet. Performances will be held on the Plaza stage under the 150 ft. high glass dome and within Perelman Theater, featuring PHILADANCO! and Philadelphia Ballet, the No Name Pops and Opera Philadelphia, and selections from Broadway favorites like *Wicked*. Plaza activities include a paint activation inspired by the upcoming Broadway musical *Mean Girls* and costume displays from the upcoming presentation of *Cirque Dreams Holiday*; plus, a pop-up experience and panel discussion with Opera Philadelphia, Marian Anderson Historical Society, and Harriet's Bookshop. Littlest arts lovers will enjoy a 'Keep Music Alive' instrument petting zoo. There is something for everyone (including giveaways)! [Click here to check out the performances planned thus far](#), or visit <https://www.kimmelculturalcampus.org/events-and-tickets/2023-24/free/philadelphia-fall-arts-fest/>.

Select participating organizations include BalletX, Esperanza Arts Center, Jazz Philadelphia, Koresh Dance Company, The Lady Hoofers Tap Ensemble, Musicopia, Philadelphia Heritage Chorale, and many more. Kimmel Cultural Campus Resident Companies will participate, including Opera Philadelphia, Philadelphia Ballet, PHILADANCO! and The Curtis Institute of Music. A full alphabetized list of participating performers and cultural organizations is below.

Plus, *Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest* marks the first public viewing of the innovative, ergonomically designed Maene-Viñoly Concert Grand Piano. In a fitting homage to the late musician-architect Rafael

Viñoly, the piano will be on display for the public to enjoy in the very building that he designed, the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. In partnership with Rafael Viñoly Architects, the special exhibition marks the piano's first appearance in the United States.

The café, Garces Trading Company at Kimmel, will be open with an assortment of sandwiches, salads, and coffee. Extra special treats are planned just for *Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest*, like a designated candy cart and items like snow cones. Guests can also shop for refreshments at concessions.

Attendees will be treated to a special in-person flash sale offer: \$25 and \$35 tickets to 25 shows across the upcoming 2023-24 season. Flash sale offerings include Broadway musicals *Mean Girls*, *Wicked*, *Cirque Dreams Holiday*, *Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations*, and *Mrs. Doubtfire*; family-favorites like *Coco Live-to-Film Concert*, *Bluey's Big Play*, and Music of Superheroes; holiday happenings including *The Glorious Sound of Christmas*, *Messiah*, *A Very Philly Christmas*, and *Samara Joy: A Joyful Holiday*; dance favorites like PHILADANCO! and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; concerts including *Rumours of Fleetwood Mac* and *Brit Floyd*; and presentations from *Your Philadelphia Orchestra*, including, Audra McDonald, Trifonov Plays Gershwin, Yannick Conducts Rachmaninoff, Mirga Conducts Bruckner, Mahler's Symphony No.1, and Yannick and Helen Grimaud Reunite, among others. Sales will be conducted at the Kimmel Center building box office (300 S. Broad Street, located downstairs on the lower level).

Support for *Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest* is supported in part by our Lead Community Engagement Sponsor Independence Blue Cross.

Additional details related to Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest, including additional participating organizations and a schedule of performances, will be announced later.

The preliminary list of participating organizations is as follows:

Participating Organizations

- 1807 & Friends
- 1812 Productions
- African American Museum In Philadelphia
- Agile Rascal Theatre
- Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture
- American Swedish Historical Museum
- The Apologues
- The Arts League
- Astral Artists
- Aurora Classical of Culture Trust Greater Philadelphia
- Ballet X
- BalletX – Dance eXchange
- Caribbean Community in Philadelphia
- Curtis Institute of Music
- Delaware Art Museum
- Drexel Performing Arts & The Mandell Theatre
- EgoPo Classic Theater
- East Passayunk Opera Project (ePOP)

- Esperanza Arts Center – Artistas y Musicos Latinoamericanos
- Expressive Path
- Fire Museum Presents
- First Person Arts
- Free Library of Philadelphia (Art Department)
- Garces
- Georgia E. Gregory Interdenominational School of Music
- Independence Awards
- Inis Nua Theatre Company
- International Ballet Exchange
- Jazz Bridge Project, Inc.
- John Graves Productions
- Keep Music Alive
- Kimmel Cultural Campus
- Korean Arts and Culture Foundation
- Koresh Dance Company
- The Lady Hoofers Tap Ensemble
- Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra
- Mann Center for the Performing Arts
- Mascher Space Cooperative
- Moore College of Art & Design
- Mosaic Society of Philadelphia
- Musicopia and Dancing Classrooms Philly
- Narberth Community Theatre
- Network for New Music
- The No Name Pops
- One For All
- Opera Philadelphia
- Orchestra Concordia Association
- Penn Live Arts
- PHILADANCO! The Philadelphia Dance Company
- Philadelphia American Guild of Organists
- Philadelphia Ballet
- Philadelphia Chamber Music Society
- Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts
- Philadelphia Film Society
- Philadelphia Freedom Band
- The Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus
- Philadelphia Heritage Chorale
- The Philadelphia Orchestra
- Philadelphia Scenic Works
- Philadelphia Theatre Company
- Philadelphia Unnamed Film Festival
- Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
- Philadelphia Youth Orchestra Music Institute
- The Photo Review
- Piffaro, the Renaissance Band
- Power of Paint Art Academy

- The Primavera Fund
- Project 440
- Quintessence Theatre
- Revive Art Journaling
- Rock to the Future
- The Roxborough Orchestra (Roxborough Chamber Symphony)
- Scene-N-Action Productions Co.
- Scribe Video Center
- Scooney Publishing House
- Settlement Music School
- SHARP Dance Company
- Storybook Musical Theatre
- Taller Puertorriqueno
- Tempesta di Mare I Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra
- Temple Center for Performing and Cinematic Arts
- Temple Music Prep
- Theatre Ariel
- VoxAmaDeus
- Walnut Street Theatre
- WHY?
- Wilma Theatre
- The Young Artist Program
- Wilma Theater

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About The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc.

The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc., is the alliance created by the Kimmel Cultural Campus and The Philadelphia Orchestra, merged to bring the greatest performances and most impactful education and community programs, in-person and digitally, to the diverse audiences of the city, and beyond. We are reimagining the power of the arts to bring joy, create community, and effect change—to uplift all Philadelphians.

Our Mission

The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc., share the transformative power of the performing arts and arts education with the widest possible audience.

Our Vision

To inspire and connect humanity with exceptional performances and experiences serving Philadelphia and the world.

Our Values

- **AUTHENTIC:** We communicate openly and honestly and act with acceptance, integrity, and respect.
- **COLLABORATIVE:** We are conveners, bringing people, institutions, and ideas together.
- **EXCEPTIONAL:** We are committed to quality and innovation. We engage our audiences and communities with exceptional experiences.

- **INCLUSIVE:** We seek and value diverse perspectives, modeling equity and access in all we do. We pursue diversity on and off our stages.

Our values are based upon our fundamental principles of IDEAS, Accountability, and Fiscal Responsibility.

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