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**KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
A TRIBUTE TO JERRY BLAVAT,
A NIGHT CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF
PHILADELPHIA'S FAVORITE RADIO DJ,
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

**Concert lineup includes performances by
Darlene Love, The Intruders, The Happenings, Bobby
Wilson, and The Chantels**

**"His tireless promotion of pioneering Black artists of the 1950s and 1960s
shaped the pop music culture of the city where he maintained an iconic
presence for seven decades."
– *The Philadelphia Inquirer***

**"A live-wire personality and an epic self-promoter, he got a generation of youth in
the City of Brotherly Love on its feet with little-known R&B gems."
– *The New York Times***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (June 26, 2023) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents *A Tribute to Jerry Blavat*, a one-night-only event in the Academy of Music on Saturday, October 21 celebrating Philadelphia's iconic radio DJ, the late Jerry Blavat. Jerry Blavat AKA the Geator with the Heater AKA the Boss with the Hot Sauce was a fixture on the Campus and an even greater presence in the city of Philadelphia and music world for decades. Lineup includes: Darlene Love, The Intruders, The Happenings, Bobby Wilson, and The Chantels.

"The entertainer of a generation, Jerry Blavat was a beloved friend & fixture on our Campus for years," said Frances Egler, Vice President, Theatrical Programming & Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "He found joy doing what he loved for a lifetime – bringing music to the masses – so what better way to honor his legacy than to assemble a series of special guests to continue keeping the magic of his shows alive."

Starting in 2002, Jerry Blavat began bringing high-energy performances to the Kimmel Cultural Campus. Voted “Best Philly Icon” in a recent poll conducted by *Philadelphia Magazine*, Blavat spent decades filling Philadelphia’s radio waves with golden oldies. He gained local fame hosting live dances in the area and led his own independent radio station, helping to break many acts in the 1960s, including the Four Seasons and the Isley Brothers.

With over 60 years in the business, at the time of his passing, Blavat was still a DJ for multiple radio stations, including WVLT, WXPB, WTKU, WOND, and WBCB. In 1972, he opened his nightclub, “Memories”, in Margate, NJ, where he put on shows throughout the summer. He was inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia’s Hall of Fame, Philadelphia Music Alliance Walk of Fame, and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tickets

Tickets go on presale to members on Tuesday, June 27, with a public onsale Friday, June 30. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at www.kimmelculturalcampus.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.kimmelculturalcampus.org for more information.

A Tribute to Jerry Blavat

Academy of Music on the Kimmel Cultural Campus
October 21, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS

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