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Big news, Philly! @LeslieOdomJr (X/Twitter/Instagram)/@TheLeslieOdomJr (Facebook) is coming home for an unforgettable one-night-only performance at the Miller Theater on 5/1! #AnEveningwithLeslieOdomJr. is presented by @EnsembleArtsPhilly. For more info, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH LESLIE ODOM, JR.,
TONY– AND GRAMMY AWARD–WINNING
SINGER, SONGWRITER, ACTOR, AND ENTERTAINER,
MAY 1, 2024**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 10, 2024) – Ensemble Arts Philly, the new presenting brand of the Kimmel Cultural Campus and the Philadelphia Orchestra, welcomes Leslie Odom, Jr., multifaceted Tony– and Grammy Award–winning artist. Nominated for three Emmys and two Academy Awards, Philadelphia’s own vocalist, songwriter, actor, and *New York Times* bestselling author returns for *An Evening with Leslie Odom, Jr.* at the Miller Theater on May 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Odom, best known for his breakout role as Aaron Burr in the Broadway phenomenon *Hamilton*, will take audiences on a riveting journey with song selections from his diverse career. On the heels of his recent critically acclaimed album, *When a Crooner Dies*, Odom will serenade Philadelphia with his velvety voice, intertwining jazz classics, and original compositions, and fan favorites in an intimate yet captivating manner.

“As a native of East Oak Lane, graduate of CAPA, and recently a recipient of a plaque on Broad Street’s ‘Walk of Fame’ from the Philadelphia Music Alliance, Leslie Odom, Jr. needs no introduction to this hometown audience,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “He stands as a formidable figure among today’s recording artists, not only for his range of talent, but also for his commitment to arts education. We are honored to welcome him home for this one-night-only performance.”

With a career that spans all performance genres, Odom has received recognition for his excellence and achievement in Broadway, television, film, and music. Most recently, Odom made his long-awaited return to Broadway, starring in and co-producing the new Broadway

production of the classic American comedy, *Purlie Victorious: A Non-Confederate Romp Through the Cotton Patch* by the legendary Ossie Davis, which opened in September 2023 to widespread critical acclaim.

Odom recently starred in Rian Johnson's 2022 *Knives Out* sequel, *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*, which broke records for Netflix and is currently streaming worldwide. In 2020, he starred as legendary singer Sam Cooke in the award-winning Amazon film adaptation of *One Night in Miami...*, directed by Regina King. His critically acclaimed and highly lauded portrayal of the soul icon and musical performance of original song "Speak Now" earned him multiple awards and nominations. He also starred in *The Many Saints of Newark*, a prequel to David Chase's award-winning HBO series *The Sopranos*, released in October 2021.

Odom hosted "The Tony Awards Present: Broadway's Back!" on CBS in 2021 (2022 Emmy Nomination). Additional film and television credits include Apple TV+'s *Central Park* (2020 Emmy nomination), *Hamilton* on Disney+ (2021 Emmy nomination), *Abbott Elementary*, *The Proud Family: Louder and Prouder*, *Love in the Time of Corona*, *Harriet*, and many more. Co-written with his wife Nicolette Robinson, Odom's first children's book, *I Love You More Than You'll Ever Know*, was published by Feiwel & Friends in March 2023. The book debuted on *The New York Times* bestseller list at #7 in its first week.

Odom is a BMG recording artist and has released five full length albums. Released in November 2023, Odom's fifth full-length album and his first of all-new music since 2019, *When a Crooner Dies*, features a collection of 10 newly penned, original tracks that mark his most personal body of music to date.

Other featured upcoming performances include **PHILADANCO! *Roots and Reflections*** (April 12 – 14, 2024, Perelman Theater); **Chloé Arnold's *Syncopated Ladies: LIVE!*** (April 13, 2024, Miller Theater); **Anthony Jeselnik: *Bones and All*** (April 27, 2024, Miller Theater); **Andrés Cepeda: *Tengo Ganas Tour*** (May 2, 2024, Miller Theater); **Celeste Barber: *Backup Dancer*** (May 12, 2024, Miller Theater); and **Mark Normand: *Ya Don't Say Tour*** (June 14, 2024, Miller Theater).

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at 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 ensembleartsphilly.org for more information.

An Evening with Leslie Odom, Jr.

Miller Theater

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

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