

SEASON GUIDE

2026–27



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Yannick Nézet-Séguin,
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The Philadelphia Orchestra

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The Phantom of the Opera

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Kimmel Center, Academy of Music,
Miller Theater, and Forrest Theatre



Matthew Murphy and Evan Zimmerman

Claire Kwon and Steven Huynh in *Maybe Happy Ending*

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On the cover, top to bottom: Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts The Philadelphia Orchestra. Photo by Allie Ippolito. Lakecia Benjamin. Photo by Elizabeth Leitzel. Isaiah Bailey as the Phantom and Jordan Lee Gilbert as Christine Daaé in *The Phantom of the Opera* North American Tour. Photo by Matthew Murphy and Evan Zimmerman.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us to kick off another electric season of the arts in Philadelphia. 2026 is the year of two extraordinary milestones for our organization and our city as we celebrate the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts' 25th anniversary and close out The Philadelphia Orchestra's landmark 125th anniversary. Milestones like these remind us that true artistic excellence is never finished—it is refined over generations, just like the city and people around us.

Since opening its doors in 2001, the Kimmel Center has grown into far more than a performance venue. It is a gathering place for Philadelphia, a home for creativity and civic expression, and a powerful symbol of what the arts—and the freedom to experience and share together—can mean to a community.

This spirit of artistry and resilience has continually shaped our organization—from the opening of the Academy of Music in 1857, nearly 170 years ago, to the Miller Theater's role as a stage for artistic innovation and firsts. Today it continues in the global legacy of our GRAMMY-winning Philadelphia Orchestra and the vibrant performances that fill our stages. Through it all, Philadelphia has long embraced artists and audiences eager to experience something meaningful together.

As a nonprofit arts institution, we are committed to sharing the transformative power of the performing arts with the widest possible audience. More than one million people come through our doors each year for performances and experiences that span generations, genres, and communities. Whether attending a Broadway blockbuster, a family concert, a powerful orchestral moment, or a performance from an esteemed Resident Company across dance, ballet, opera, chamber music, and more, audiences share in that unmistakable feeling of belonging that only live arts can create.

Ticket purchases, philanthropy, and community support make it possible for us to present these world-class performances while also investing deeply in Philadelphia through free and low-cost arts education and community programs. As the School District of Philadelphia's largest arts partner, our arts education and special programs extend to more than 400 schools across the surrounding region and over 40,000 students annually. We are working to welcome every Philadelphia student into one of our venues at least three times throughout their PK–12 years, helping inspire the next generation of artists, audiences, and civic leaders through the power of the arts.

Your support fills our spaces with life and purpose, ensuring the next chapter of our story is as vibrant as the last. We look forward to welcoming you this season and sharing the unforgettable moments that happen when a city comes together through the performing arts.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Fleur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "R" and "F".

Ryan Fleur
President and CEO

BROADWAY SERIES

The Great Gatsby

Oct 20–Nov 1
Academy of Music

National Tour Company

Evan Zimmerman for MurphyMade

“A grand crowd-pleasing spectacle”

—*The Washington Post* on *The Great Gatsby*

Mamma Mia!

Sep 29–Oct 4
Academy of Music
Ultimate feel-good musical
featuring the hits of ABBA

BOOP!® The Musical

Nov 17–29
Academy of Music
Dazzling musical comedy
bringing the iconic Betty Boop
to life like never before

Operation Mincemeat

Dec 15–20
Forrest Theatre
Tony Award®-winning musical
comedy based on a true spy story

STOMP

Dec 29–Jan 3
Miller Theater
Explosive percussion spectacle packed
with energy and rhythm

The Book of Mormon

Jan 26–31

Forrest Theatre

The outrageous musical comedy that became a worldwide sensation

Waitress

Feb 9–14

Academy of Music

Beloved hit musical featuring music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles

Riverdance 30—

The New Generation

Mar 4–7

Miller Theater

The iconic dance phenomenon reimagined for a new generation

Oh, Mary!

Mar 9–14

Miller Theater

Cole Escola's wildly funny new play about Mary Todd Lincoln

Maybe Happy Ending

Mar 23–Apr 4

Academy of Music

Tony Award-winning new musical about connection, love, and humanity

The Who's Tommy

Apr 13–18

Forrest Theatre

A reimagining of the groundbreaking rock opera

The Phantom of the Opera

Jun 9–20

Academy of Music

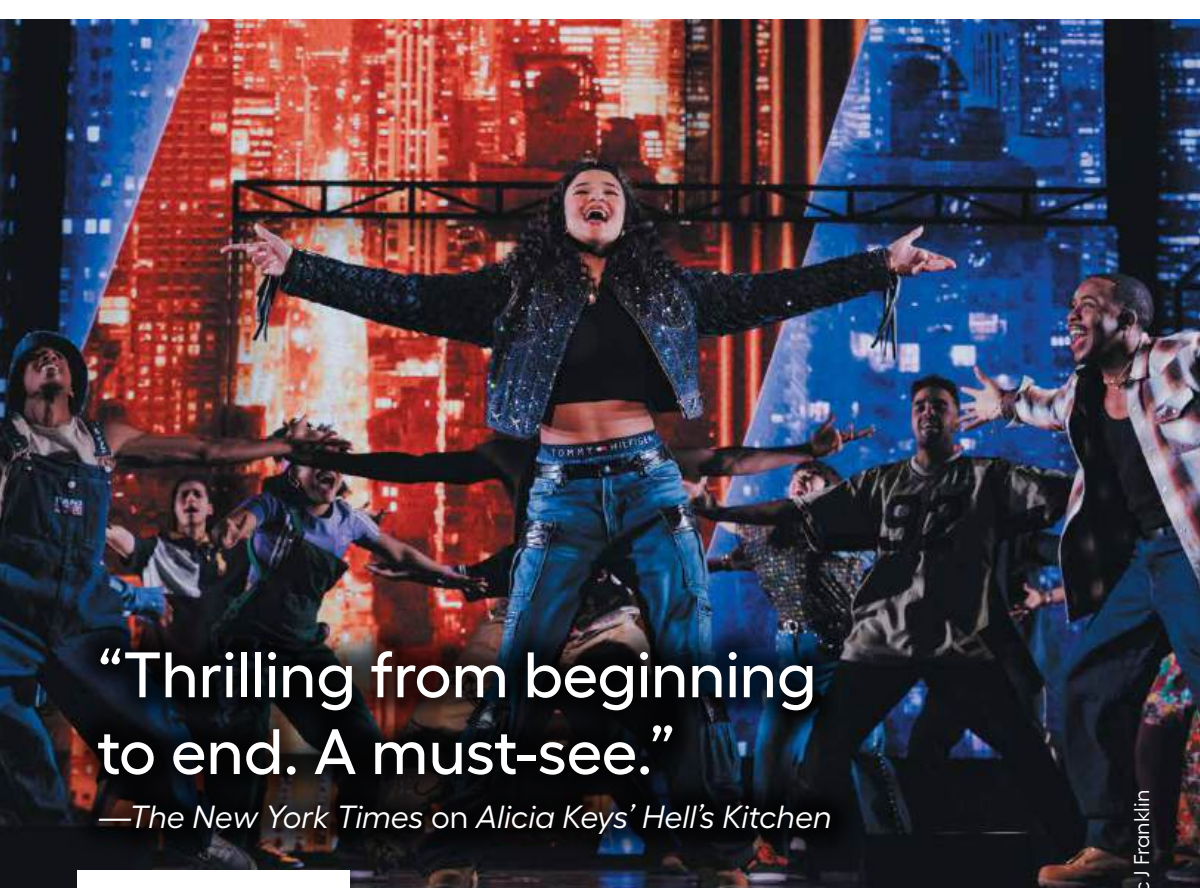
The famous musical returns in a breathtaking new production

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Jul 28–Aug 8

Academy of Music

The spellbinding Tony Award-winning play comes to life on stage



**“Thrilling from beginning
to end. A must-see.”**

—*The New York Times* on Alicia Keys' *Hell's Kitchen*

Alicia Keys' Hell's Kitchen

Jan 5–17

Academy of Music

Maya Drake as Ali and the company
of the North American Tour

Marc J Franklin

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Yannick Nézet-Séguin
Music & Artistic Director



Jeff Fusco

Refined over **GENERATIONS**

Coming off a landmark season celebrating its 125th anniversary, The Philadelphia Orchestra enters its next chapter as one of Philadelphia's great legacy institutions: homegrown, world-renowned, and continually refined by generations of extraordinary musicians from across the globe. The 2026–27 season leans into that legacy, honoring the “Philadelphia Sound” that has been perfected over time in the city and worldwide, inviting new and longtime listeners into an experience that feels both timeless and unmistakably Philadelphia.



Jeff Fusco



Jeff Fusco



Kriston Jae Bethel

Season HIGHLIGHTS

Carmina burana

Oct 22–25

Yannick leads this choral thriller that mimics the rush of blood through the veins of youth: Lusty love songs, drinking anthems, pagan celebrations, and odes to the moon, mined from medieval texts, have made this work a favorite since its creation nearly a century ago.



Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert

Jan 21–23

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the iconic film like never before as The Philadelphia Orchestra performs John Williams' legendary Oscar®-winning score live as the film plays on the big screen.

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Nick Rutter

Joe Hisaishi in Concert

Mar 5–7

Experience the music of Joe Hisaishi, The Philadelphia Orchestra's composer-in-residence, as he leads a program centered on the world premiere of his new Piano Concerto. This concert offers a powerful look at his evolving work for the symphonic stage.

Wagner's Lohengrin

Apr 11 & 18

Yannick's "ravishing" (*Observer*) 2023 Metropolitan Opera performances won effusive praise: "his orchestra covered itself in glory: the strings float with gossamer lightness and the resplendent trumpets ... raised the hairs on the back of my neck."

All Philadelphia Orchestra concerts take place in Marian Anderson Hall in the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

ORCHESTRA AFTER 5

Mix, mingle, and unwind as world-class music meets happy hour energy

5 PM Happy Hour Fun

6:30 PM Casual Concert

7:30 PM Artist Chat



Thursdays

Fall: Oct 8

Winter: Jan 14

Spring: May 13

FAMILY SERIES

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Manuel Harlan

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Children's Halloween Spectacular

Oct 10

Kimmel Center

Recommended for ages 5–12

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban™ in Concert

Oct 16–18

Kimmel Center

Recommended for ages 8+

Broadway Series

BOOP! The Musical

Nov 17–29

Academy of Music

Recommended for ages 6+

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Children's Holiday Spectacular

Dec 5

Kimmel Center

Recommended for ages 5–12

Broadway Series

STOMP

Dec 29–Jan 3

Miller Theater

Recommended for all ages

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Peter and the Wolf

Feb 20

Kimmel Center

Recommended for ages 5–12



Syncopated Ladies Live!



Black Panther in Concert

MARVEL STUDIOS' BLACK PANTHER IN CONCERT

The North American Tour

Feb 27

Miller Theater

Recommended for ages 13+

Broadway Series

Riverdance 30—The New Generation

Mar 4–7

Miller Theater

Recommended for ages 6+

Chloé Arnold's Syncopated Ladies Live!

Apr 16

Miller Theater

Recommended for all ages

DANCE

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Green Eggs and Ham

May 1

Kimmel Center

Recommended for ages 5–12

Broadway Series

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Jul 28–Aug 8

Academy of Music

Recommended for ages 8+

JAZZ SERIES

Jeff Goldblum



John Abbott



Sullivan Fortner Trio

Jeff Goldblum & The Mildred Snitzer Orchestra

Oct 7
Miller Theater

Lakecia Benjamin

Oct 22
Kimmel Center

The 8-Bit Big Band

Oct 24
Miller Theater

Afro-Cuban All Stars

Oct 30
Miller Theater

The Bad Plus Farewell Tour

Nov 14
Kimmel Center

Pink Martini All-Stars present A Season of Stars

Dec 14
Kimmel Center

Sullivan Fortner Trio

Feb 13
Kimmel Center

Gregory Porter

Feb 15
Kimmel Center

Ambrose Akinmusire

Feb 25
Kimmel Center

Yasmin Williams With The Dream Quartet

Apr 3
Kimmel Center

Django Festival Allstars Featuring Samson Schmitt, Ludovic Beier, and Pierre Blanchard

May 14
Kimmel Center



Erik Umphery

Gregory Porter



You are invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the city’s artistic and civic gathering place since December 2001.

A milestone like this requires more than one celebration. With special moments throughout the 2026–27 season, the Kimmel Center will be at the intersection of art, community, and joy all year long.

Upcoming Events



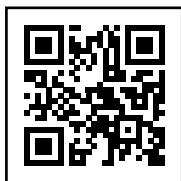
Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest Sep 19

Our FREE annual kickoff to Philadelphia’s arts and culture season doubles as a birthday celebration for the Kimmel Center, featuring special giveaways, interactive activities, performances, and more.



Birthday Month Dec 2026

With free events in the Kimmel Center, holiday concerts from The Philadelphia Orchestra, and special food and beverage items at concessions and Curtain Call Café and Lounge, the entire month will reflect what the Kimmel Center does best: bring people together.



Discover more about the Kimmel Center’s artistic, architectural, and civic impact, and how you can join the celebration.

Behind the Scenes with The Philadelphia Orchestra

Trombonist **JACK GRIMM**

Q&A

When did you join the Orchestra?
In November 2024.

What piece of music could you play over and over again? Anything from Wagner's *Ring Cycle*.

What is your most treasured possession? A tennis ball from the 2022 U.S. Open signed by Carlos Alcaraz.

Tell us about your instrument. Right now, my horn is a brand-new trombone from Edwards Instrument Company.

If you could ask one composer one question, what would it be? I would ask Gustav Mahler what the inspiration was for the short violin solo in measure 612 in the last movement of his Second Symphony ("Resurrection"). Listening to that always leaves me awestruck that he had the creativity to write such a unique and touching moment after composing more than an hour of some of the greatest music ever written.

What piece of music never fails to move you? The Prelude to Act I of Wagner's *Lohengrin*.

Do you play any other instruments? Euphonium, bass trumpet, bass trombone, and on the more amateur side of things, piano, trumpet, and tuba.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Play tennis, hike, run, go to coffee shops, and watch football.



Allie Ippolito

In your opinion, is there a piece of music that isn't in the standard orchestral repertoire that should be? *The Tempest* by Tchaikovsky is rarely performed, but in my opinion it's one of his best works and can stand up to any Strauss tone poem.

What's the first album you ever bought or downloaded? *Center:Level:Roar* by Youngblood Brass Band.

What's your go-to karaoke song? "Love on Top" by Beyoncé.

What advice would you give to aspiring young musicians? You can separate your drive, dedication, and ambition in music from a need to "make it" as a full-time musician. Some of my most productive months musically were when I was also studying LSAT materials and considering applying to law school.

What do you love most about Philadelphia? The walkability! And the proximity to my family on the East Coast.

What's your favorite food? It's a tie between quesabirria and a peanut butter and Nutella sandwich.

What's on your Spotify playlist? Which one? My two current go-to playlists are based around Sabrina Carpenter and Count Basie, respectively.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sasha Velour

Staff Picks

Need a recommendation?
In the pages ahead, look
for suggestions from
**Director of Theater and
Dance Education**
Eliza Bailey.



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and special programs
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and **400** schools
annually.



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more

September

ALOK EAT PRAY LEAVE TOUR

Sep 4
Kimmel Center **COMEDY**

Knight Foundation presents

The First at 250 In partnership with Disagree Better and the National Constitution Center

Sep 9
Kimmel Center

Opera Philadelphia

Mitridate, re di Ponto

Sep 9–13
Academy of Music

R.F. Kuang— Taipei Story

Sep 11
Miller Theater **SPEAKER**

Latin American Book Fair

Sep 12
Kimmel Center **FREE**

Shoshana Bean

Sep 16
Miller Theater **MUSIC**

Sasha Velour— TRAVESTY

Sep 17
Miller Theater **THEATER**

EB I saw Sasha Velour's
Smoke & Mirrors and
years later it's still a show
that stays with me. The
costumes, video scenic art,
and storytelling came
together so beautifully to
create an unforgettable
experience. I can't wait to
see *TRAVESTY*!

In Association with Emporium Presents

Brad Williams: The Tall Tales Tour

Sep 18
Miller Theater **COMEDY**

Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest

Sep 19
Kimmel Center **FREE**

In Association with SLP Concerts

Pat Metheny Side-Eye III+

Sep 19
Miller Theater

In Association with Mammoth Live

Undertale: The Determination Symphony

Sep 20
Kimmel Center



Orchestra After 5

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Opening Night

Sep 24

Kimmel Center

In Association with Live Nation

Anthony Jeselnik:

Wrath of Man

Sep 25–26

Miller Theater **COMEDY**

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Yannick Leads

Symphonic Rituals from Bernstein's MASS

Sep 25–27

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Speakers Series

Anderson Cooper

Sep 28

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

Mamma Mia!

Sep 29–Oct 4

Academy of Music

October

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Yannick Conducts Mahler's Symphony No. 5

Oct 1–3

Kimmel Center

EB

My background is in trumpet performance, so whenever I see Mahler No. 5 on a season, it is a must-see for me!

In Association with
Emporium Presents

Maria Bamford

Oct 2

Miller Theater **COMEDY**

Jennifer Welch—

Saying the Quiet Part Out Loud

Oct 3

Miller Theater **SPEAKER**

Academy of Vocal Arts presents

Giargiari Bel Canto Competition

Oct 3

Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Jeff Goldblum & The Mildred Snitzer Orchestra

Oct 7

Miller Theater

Barbara Kingsolver: Partita

Oct 8

Miller Theater

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Orchestra After 5: Happy Hour Concert

Oct 8

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Ballet

Stars and Stripes Forever!

Oct 8–11

Academy of Music

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Pines of Rome

Oct 9–10

Kimmel Center

Family Series with
The Philadelphia Orchestra

Children's Halloween Spectacular

Oct 10

Kimmel Center

In Association with Show & Tell

Dan and Phil: Hard Launch World Tour

Oct 10

Miller Theater **COMEDY**

Michael Kosta: Big Dad Energy

Oct 10

Kimmel Center **COMEDY**

Curtis Symphony Orchestra

Teddy Leads Adams & Beethoven

Oct 11

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Ballet

Dance at Great Velocity

Oct 15–18

Academy of Music

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Jennifer Koh, violin Vijay Iyer, piano

Oct 16

Kimmel Center



Josh Johnson

The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Harry Potter and the
Prisoner of Azkaban™
in Concert**

Oct 16–18
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Don Liuzzi, percussion
& Friends**

Oct 19
Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

The Great Gatsby

Oct 20–Nov 1
Academy of Music

The Magicians Table

Oct 21–Nov 22
Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Lakecia Benjamin

Oct 22
Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Carmina burana

Oct 22–25
Kimmel Center

In Association with Live Nation

Jordan Jensen

Oct 23
Miller Theater **COMEDY**

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Sphinx Virtuosi
J'Nai Bridges, mezzo**

Oct 23
Kimmel Center

Philly Pops Presents

**Broadway
à la Nero**

Oct 24
Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

**The 8-Bit
Big Band**

Oct 24
Miller Theater

Philadelphia Speakers Series

Boris Johnson

Oct 26
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Kaleidoscope
Chamber Collective**

Oct 28
Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Yunchan Lim Plays
Rachmaninoff**

Oct 29–31
Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Afro-Cuban All Stars

Oct 30
Miller Theater

November

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Musicians from
Marlboro I**

Nov 1
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Timo Andres, piano
Aaron Diehl, piano**

Nov 3
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Justin Austin, baritone
Howard Watkins, piano**

Nov 6
Kimmel Center

In Association with Live Nation

**JOSH JOHNSON'S
COMEDY BAND CAMP**

Nov 6–7
Academy of Music

Curtis Symphony Orchestra

**Yannick Leads
Mahler 9**

Nov 8
Kimmel Center

In Association with Live Nation

Ilana Glazer Live!

Nov 11
Miller Theater **COMEDY**

VoxAmaDeus

Verdi Requiem

Nov 13
Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

**The Bad Plus
Farewell Tour**

Nov 14
Kimmel Center



Children's Holiday Spectacular



In Association with
Tate Entertainment Group

**AC2: An Intimate
Evening with
Anderson Cooper
& Andy Cohen**

Nov 14
Academy of Music

Philadelphia Speakers Series

Anne Applebaum

Nov 16
Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

BOOP! The Musical

Nov 17–29
Academy of Music

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Jupiter Ensemble
Lea Desandre, mezzo**

Nov 18
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Frederica von Stade,
mezzo**

**Metropolitan Opera's
Young Artists**

**Myra Huang &
Ken Noda, piano**

Nov 20
Kimmel Center

In Association with Live Nation

Jordan Klepper

Nov 20
Miller Theater **COMEDY**

In Association with
BenDeLaCreme Presents

**The Jinx & DeLa
Holiday Show**

Nov 21–22
Miller Theater

PYOMI presents

**Philadelphia
Youth Orchestra**

Nov 22
Kimmel Center

PYOMI presents

**Philadelphia Young
Artists Orchestra**

Nov 29
Kimmel Center

December

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Handel's Messiah

Dec 4–5
Kimmel Center

PHILADANCO!

**Winter Residency —
For the Love of Philly**

Dec 4–6
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Ballet

**George Balanchine's
The Nutcracker®**

Dec 4–31
Academy of Music

Family Series with
The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Children's Holiday
Spectacular**

Dec 5
Kimmel Center

The Rock School Presents

**The Enchanted
Nutcracker**

Dec 5–6
Miller Theater

The Brodsky Star Spotlight Series

**Yo-Yo Ma and
Emanuel Ax**

Dec 6
Kimmel Center **MUSIC**

**A Soulful
Christmas**

Dec 8
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Verona Quartet
Steven Banks,**

saxophone
Dec 9
Kimmel Center

**Silent Sight
Sing-In & Swing-In**

Dec 11
Kimmel Center **FREE**

In Association with Live Nation

**Jim Gaffigan:
Everything Is
Wonderful!**

Dec 11–12
Miller Theater **COMEDY**

Philly Pops Present

**A Philly Holiday
Spectacular**

Dec 11–13
Kimmel Center



Waitress

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Dec 12–13

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Brentano Quartet

Dec 13

Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Pink Martini

All-Stars present A Season of Stars

Dec 14

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

Operation Mincemeat: A New Musical

Dec 15–20

Forrest Theatre

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Mark Steinberg, violin Jonathan Biss, piano

Dec 16

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

The Glorious Sound of Christmas

Dec 17–20

Kimmel Center

Tuba Christmas

Dec 20

Kimmel Center **FREE**

Broadway Series

STOMP

Dec 29–Jan 3

Miller Theater

The Philadelphia Orchestra

New Year's Eve Celebration

Dec 31

Kimmel Center

January

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Wonderful Waltzes

Jan 2

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

Alicia Keys' Hell's Kitchen

Jan 5–17

Academy of Music

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Seong-Jin Cho Plays Rachmaninoff

Jan 9–10

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Brooklyn Rider

Jan 10

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Jeremy Denk, piano

Jan 13

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Orchestra After 5: Happy Hour Concert

Jan 14

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Mozart and Schumann

Jan 15–16

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Lunar New Year Celebration

Jan 19

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Takács Quartet

Jan 20

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Star Wars: A New Hope In Concert

Jan 21–23

Kimmel Center

EB

When I think of legendary film music, I immediately think of *Star Wars*. There are so many memorable themes from “Princess Leia” to “The Imperial March” and even starting off right from the opening fanfare! It will be amazing to see The Philadelphia Orchestra bring this score to life!



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

VoxAmaDeus

Beethoven, Gershwin & More

Jan 22

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Speakers Series

Andrew Ross Sorkin

Jan 25

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

The Book of Mormon

Jan 26–31

Forrest Theatre

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Simon Rattle Leads Debussy and Ravel

Jan 28–30

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Inon Barnatan, piano

Jan 29

Kimmel Center

Opera Philadelphia

Let 'Em Eat Cake

Jan 29–31

Academy of Music

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Sarah Shafer, soprano

Hye-Jin Kim, violin

Hsin-Yun Huang, viola

Peter Stumpf, cello

Cynthia Raim, piano

Jan 31

Kimmel Center

February

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Yannick Conducts Beethoven's "Pastoral"

Feb 5–7

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Speakers Series

Charles F. Bolden, Jr.

Feb 8

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

Waitress

Feb 9–14

Academy of Music

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Midori, violin

Özgür Aydin, piano

Feb 11

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Beethoven and Dvořák

Feb 11–13

Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Sullivan Fortner Trio

Feb 13

Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Gregory Porter

Feb 15

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Dover Quartet

Michelle Cann, piano

Feb 17

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Beethoven's "Eroica"

Feb 18–20

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Ariadne Greif, soprano

Seth Parker Woods,

cello

Conor Hanick, piano

Feb 19

Kimmel Center

Family Series with

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Peter and the Wolf

Feb 20

Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Ambrose

Akinmusire

Feb 25

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

The Party:

A New Stop-Motion

Opera Film

Feb 25–27

Kimmel Center

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

Feb 26–28

Academy of Music



Yuja Wang

Family Series

MARVEL STUDIOS' BLACK PANTHER IN CONCERT

**The North
American Tour**

Feb 27

Miller Theater

PYOMI presents

Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

Feb 28

Kimmel Center

March

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Trio Afiori

Mar 1

Kimmel Center

In Association with Icon Concerts

Professor Brian Cox— Emergence

Mar 2

Miller Theater **SPEAKER**

Broadway Series

Riverdance 30— The New Generation

Mar 4–7

Miller Theater

Philadelphia Ballet

Cinderella

Mar 4–14

Academy of Music

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Chiaroscuro Quartet

Mar 5

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Joe Hisaishi in Concert

Mar 5–7

Kimmel Center

PYOMI presents

Philadelphia Young Artists Orchestra

Mar 7

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Elizabeth Hainen, harp & Friends

Mar 8

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

Oh, Mary!

Mar 9–14

Miller Theater

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Richard Goode, piano

Mar 12

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

The Planets with Yannick

Mar 13

Kimmel Center

Curtis Symphony Orchestra

Osmo Leads Shostakovich 4

Mar 14

Kimmel Center

Sonic

Live in Concert

Mar 18

Miller Theater

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Wagner and Bruckner

Mar 19–21

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Speakers Series

Nicholas Burns

Mar 22

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

Maybe Happy Ending

Mar 23–Apr 4

Academy of Music

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Quatuor Ébène

Mar 30

Kimmel Center

April

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Yannick Leads Mahler's Symphony No. 7

Apr 1–9

Kimmel Center

The Brodsky Star Spotlight Series

Yuja Wang

Apr 2

Kimmel Center **MUSIC**



Philly Pops Presents

ICON—The Voices That Changed Music

Apr 3

Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

Yasmin Williams With The Dream Quartet

Apr 3

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

ECCO & Edgar Meyer, double bass

Apr 4

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Leonkoro Quartet

Apr 9

Kimmel Center

Richard Thomas in Mark Twain Tonight! By Hal Holbrook

Apr 9

Miller Theater **THEATER**

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Wagner's Lohengrin

Apr 11 & 18

Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

The Who's Tommy

Apr 13–18

Forrest Theatre

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Yannick Leads Strauss and Schubert

Apr 15–17

Kimmel Center

Family Series

Chloé Arnold's Syncopated Ladies Live!

Apr 16

Miller Theater **DANCE**

PHILADANCO!

Spring Residency — Celebrating Black Genius

Apr 16–18

Kimmel Center

Opera Philadelphia

Aida

Apr 17–25

Academy of Music

Philadelphia Speakers Series

Lynsey Addario

Apr 19

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Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Paul Lewis, piano

Apr 20

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Temple University, Boyer College of Music and Dance Symphony Orchestra & Choirs

Apr 20

Kimmel Center

Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association

Shen Yun

Apr 21–25

Miller Theater **DANCE**

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Ian Bostridge, tenor Julius Drake, piano

Apr 23

Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony

Apr 23–25

Kimmel Center

Opera Philadelphia

26–27 Gala Performance

Apr 24

Academy of Music

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Marin Alsop and Emanuel Ax

Apr 29–May 1

Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Ballet

Don Quixote

Apr 29–May 9

Academy of Music

Curtis Opera Theatre

Pelléas et Mélisande

Apr 30 & May 2

Kimmel Center



Yannick Nézet-Séguin,
Music and Artistic Director,
The Philadelphia Orchestra

May

Family Series with
The Philadelphia Orchestra

Green Eggs and Ham
May 1
Kimmel Center

The Brodsky Star Spotlight Series

**Itzhak Perlman
and Friends**
May 2
Kimmel Center

MUSIC

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Angela Hewitt, piano
May 6
Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Brahms and Dvořák
May 7–9
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

**Mark Steinberg, violin
Jonathan Biss, piano**
May 11
Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Orchestra After 5:
Happy Hour Concert**
May 13
Kimmel Center

Philadelphia Chamber Music Society

Mitsuko Uchida, piano
May 13
Kimmel Center

Jazz Series

**Django Festival
Allstars**
May 14
Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Yannick Leads Mahler's
Symphony No. 3**
May 15
Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Spanish Romance
and Stravinsky**
May 16
Kimmel Center

PYOMI presents

**Philadelphia Young
Artists Orchestra**
May 16
Kimmel Center

The Bengsons

May 20
Kimmel Center

MUSIC

The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Yuja Wang Plays
Beethoven**
May 27–29
Kimmel Center

June

The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Yannick Conducts
Mahler's Symphony
No. 1**
Jun 3–6
Kimmel Center

PYOMI presents

**Philadelphia
Youth Orchestra**
Jun 6
Kimmel Center

Broadway Series

**The Phantom
of the Opera**
Jun 9–20
Academy of Music

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This show has such a special place in my heart. *The Phantom of the Opera* CD was one that we always had playing in the car growing up. I think I knew the lyrics and could sing every character by the time I was 10.

July

Broadway Series

**Harry Potter and
the Cursed Child**
Jul 28–Aug 8
Academy of Music

August

**BlackStar
Film Festival**
Aug 6–9
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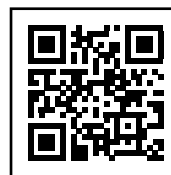
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Highlighted Events

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Teddy Leads Adams & Beethoven

Oct 11

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Curtis Symphony Orchestra

Osmo Leads Shostakovich 4

Mar 14

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Curtis Symphony Orchestra

Yannick Leads Mahler 9

Nov 8

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Curtis Opera Theater

Pelléas et Mélisande

Apr 30 & May 2

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David DeBalko





Opera, but different

Opera Philadelphia's 2026–27 season features a rare Mozart gem, a dystopian farce from the Gershwin brothers, and the return of Verdi's *Aida* to the Academy of Music.

Highlighted Events

Mitridate, re di Ponto

Sep 9–13

Academy of Music

Let 'Em Eat Cake

Jan 29–31

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Aida

Apr 17–25

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PHILADANCO!

PHILADANCO!'s 2026–27 season celebrates the artists, innovators, and visionaries who have shaped Black culture in Philadelphia and beyond. This fall, *For the Love of Philly* brings PHILADANCO! together with Philadelphia International Records (TSOP) for an evening of dance set to the legendary sounds of Patti LaBelle, Teddy Pendergrass, The O'Jays, and more, featuring works by Rennie Harris, Dawn Marie Bazemore, Dwight Rhoden, Gene Hill Sagan, and Tommie-Waheed Evans. A tribute to Joan Myers Brown, Kenneth Gamble, Leon Huff, and Thom Bell, the program celebrates Philadelphia's lasting impact on American culture.

In spring, *Celebrating Black Genius* honors the enduring legacy of Black choreographers whose artistry transformed contemporary dance and continues to inspire generations today. Anchored by a special presentation of Donald Byrd's BMM in collaboration with Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, the program explores lineage, innovation, and the power of artistic inheritance.

Highlighted Events

Winter Residency: **For the Love of Philly**

Dec 4–6
Kimmel Center

Spring Residency: **Celebrating Black Genius**

Apr 16–18
Kimmel Center



Richard Termine

Major support for *For the Love of Philly* has been provided by The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage, with additional support from the Mellon Foundation and Mayor Cherelle L. Parker & the City of Philadelphia. The project was financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development. This project is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Stars and Stripes Forever!

Oct 8–11

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As one of the nation's premier ballet companies, Philadelphia Ballet is renowned for exceptional artistry and technical brilliance. We can't wait to welcome you to the theater for our extraordinary 2026–27 season, beginning with *Stars and Stripes Forever!*, a vibrant tribute to the spirit of American choreographers and composers. This year also marks the grand opening of Philadelphia Ballet's new Center for Dance—a transformative milestone for our organization. We look forward to celebrating this remarkable year with you in our new home and at the theater!

Dayesi Torriente

Highlighted Events

Dance at Great Velocity

Oct 15–18

Academy of Music

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

Dec 4–31

Academy of Music

Cinderella

Mar 4–14

Academy of Music

Don Quixote

Apr 29–May 9

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PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY



Nigel Parry

The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society (PCMS) presents 50 concerts by world-renowned artists in the Kimmel Center's Perelman Theater and other Center City venues. Eminent string quartets, master pianists, string recitalists, vocalists, and more take center stage in a series that's acclaimed for artistic excellence, innovative programming, and affordable ticket prices. From masterworks of the past five centuries to new music by living composers, we invite you to experience "a life more beautiful."

Highlighted Events

Timo Andres, piano

Aaron Diehl, piano

Nov 3

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Midori, violin

Özgür Aydin, piano

Feb 11

Kimmel Center

Verona Quartet

Steven Banks, saxophone

Dec 9

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Ian Bostridge, tenor

Julius Drake, piano

Apr 23

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Bringing Philly Together

Philadelphia Fall Arts Fest was a vibrant celebration of creativity, featuring free performances, activities, and unexpected delights that showcased the city's arts scene.



Making History

HISTORYTalks 2026 brought every former living U.S. president alongside icons like Jason Kelce and Tina Fey to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.



A Very Tuba Christmas

Holiday cheer filled Commonwealth Plaza as more than 100 local brass musicians reunited for a beloved Philadelphia tradition, delighting audiences with seasonal classics and festive spirit.



Jeff Fusco

The Dream Lives On

The Philadelphia Orchestra's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Tribute Concert brought communities together in Marian Anderson Hall to celebrate Black culture and honor Dr. King's enduring legacy of equality, unity, and hope.



Philly's Food Stars!

Philly's food scene officially hit the big leagues when the Kimmel Center hosted the *MICHELIN* Guide ceremony to dish out the city's very first culinary stars.



An Evening on Great Stages

The Great Stages Gala celebrated Philadelphia's artistic legacy, recognizing philanthropist Elaine Woo Camarda and soul music legends Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff for their lasting contributions to the arts.



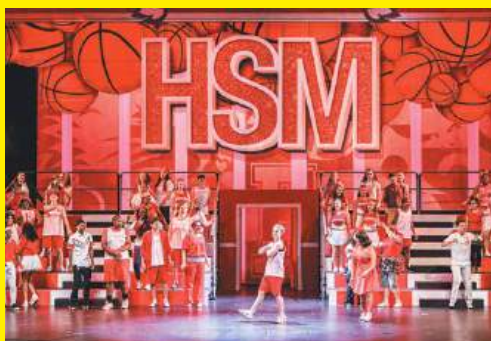
The Music of Middle-earth

During this special screening, The Philadelphia Orchestra performed Howard Shore's Academy Award®-winning score for *The Lord of the Rings* live, bringing the music of Middle-earth to life alongside the film.



Leo Takes Gold!

Leo Restaurant & Bar, located in the Kimmel Center, was named the Gold Winner for Best Restaurant Wine Selection in *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* 2026 Philly Favorites Awards and a winner in *Modern Luxury's* 2026 Best of Style.



The Next Generation of Artists

The free High School Summer Arts Session is an annual three-week intensive focused on singing, acting, and dancing. This year's session culminated in a full musical production of *High School Musical: The Musical*.



Pride in Concert

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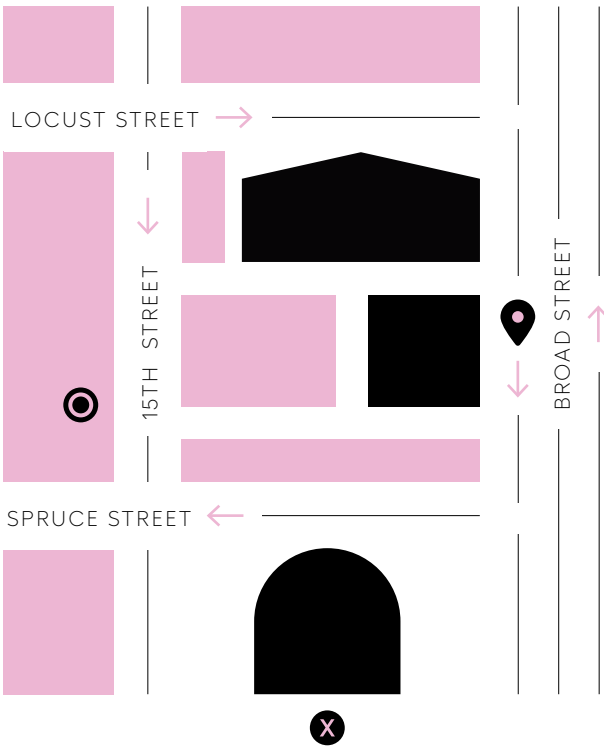
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Left: Jalynn Steele (Tanya), Jessica Crouch (Donna Sheridan), and Carly Sakolove (Rose). Photo by Joan Marcus. Yumi Kendall at Love Park. Photo by Jeff Fusco.