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Grab the sticky geckos, break out the duck cakes, and alert the grannies! The award-winning children's TV series, @OfficialBlueyTV, brings the much-loved Heeler family to the stage with Bluey's Big Play LIVE @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram) on 12/2 and 12/3. For more info, visit kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS **EMMY® AWARD-WINNING** CHILDREN'S TELEVISION SHOW BLUEY IN ITS FIRST LIVE THEATER TOUR

BLUEY'S BIG PLAY THE STAGE SHOW **DECEMBER 2-3, 2022**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 27, 2022) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show as part of its 2022-23 Family Discovery Series. Characters from the popular children's TV show take the stage at the Miller Theater (formerly the Merriam Theater) on the Kimmel Cultural Campus on Friday, December 2, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show is a brand-new theatrical adaptation of the animated, Emmy® Award-winning children's television series. The series follows Bluey, a lovable and inexhaustible six-year-old Blue Heeler puppy, who loves to play and turn everyday family life into extraordinary adventures that unfold in unpredictable and hilarious ways, bringing her family, friends, and community into her world of fun.

Fans of all ages will get to see Bluey, Bingo, Bandit, and Chilli as they've never seen them before, as the Heelers embark on their very first live theater show in the U.S., featuring puppetry, live actors, and iconic sets. Based on an original new story written by Bluey creator Joe Brumm, Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show also contains new music by Bluey composer, Joff Bush.

"One of the most popular children's characters on television right now, Bluey bounds onto our Campus just in time for the holiday season," said Frances Egler, Senior Director of Programming and Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "Fans of all ages – adults, too! - will enjoy this staged adventure, complete with Bluey's heartwarming and encouraging themes and original music."

Airing on Disney Junior in the U.S., *Bluey* has been the #1 most watched TV series with kids 2-6 since its launch in 2018. *Bluey* has also won multiple awards, such as the International Emmy® Kids Award in the prestigious Preschool Category in 2020, and has picked up the AACTA Award for Best Children's Program for three years running (2019-21). *Bluey* won four Kidscreen Awards in February 2021. In a list published by *Rolling Stone* of the Top 100 Sitcoms of all Time, Bluey was listed as #96, being the only Australian series to be featured.

Bluey's Big Play The Stage Show is presented by BBC Studios and Andrew Kay in association with Windmill Theatre Co. The stage show enjoyed much success in the home market of Australia, where it premiered in *Bluey*'s hometown of Brisbane and went on to perform 447 times across 65 venues, including the Sydney Opera House.

FAMILY DISCOVERY SERIES

The 2022–23 Family Discovery Series returns for its 7th year with a lineup including kid-friendly favorites and re-envisioned family classics, curated to appeal to the littlest growing arts lovers. Click here for a full list of series programming. Family Discovery Series multi-show packages start at \$18.00 per show. Single tickets to all Family Discovery Series shows are on sale now. Choose three or more shows from our spectacular Family Discovery Series and save. This season's Family Discovery Series is generously sponsored by Dietz & Watson.

Tickets

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.

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Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region's diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1-million guests per year and includes Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, and SEI Innovation Studio), the Academy of Music, and the Miller Theater (formerly the Merriam Theater) – representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts. We are home to The Philadelphia Orchestra and seven esteemed Resident Companies: Opera Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, we are the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and

community events, we educate the region's young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. Read Kimmel Cultural Campus' vision statement, world view, and mission statement here. Learn more about our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and how it encompasses our mission, coworkers, and programs here.

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