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(Barely) Living comedy legend @JohnCleese (X/Twitter)/@johncleeseofficial (Instagram)/@thejohncleese (Facebook) brings laughs & conversation to @KimmelCC (X/Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook/Instagram) on 10/25. For more info, visit www.kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS COMEDY LEGEND, MONTY PYTHON CO-FOUNDER, AND “THE WORLD’S FUNNIEST MAN,” JOHN CLEESE, IN *AN EVENING WITH THE LATE JOHN CLEESE*, OCTOBER 25, 2023

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September 13, 2023) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus, in association with Mills Entertainment, presents the versatile comedic actor and leading business motivator, **John Cleese**, for *An Evening with the Late John Cleese* at the Academy of Music on October 25, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Come and pay your respects to one of the most iconic and beloved comedians of our time in a night of unparalleled laughter and wit.

Known for his impeccable timing, trademark eccentricity, and clever wordplay, John Cleese has solidified his position as nothing short of comedy royalty. With all-new routines, shaped by his decades of experience, Cleese showcases his observational humor and gifted storytelling in a way that only he can.

“John Cleese has captivated audiences around the globe for decades, sharing his unique brand of comedy and his invaluable insights on achieving success in education, business, and life,” said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. “It is our pleasure to welcome this living legend to the Academy of Music where he will bring audiences together through the power of laughter.”

As the co-founder of Monty Python, Cleese is responsible for putting an indelible mark on the world of comedy. His work on groundbreaking projects like *Monty Python's Flying Circus*, *Monty*

Python and the Holy Grail, Life of Brian, Fawlty Towers, A Fish Called Wanda, and his notable roles in the James Bond and Harry Potter franchises have earned him global acclaim and a devoted fan base.

Cleese's influence is also felt in the corporate world as the founder of Video Arts, the world's largest provider of business training programs. Established in 1972 with three fellow British actors, Video Arts gained an international reputation as the premier source for business know-how. Cleese attributes his success at making hit training programs to his fascination with psychology and his love for teaching and making people laugh. He believes that "humor in training increases retention and decreases anxiety. When the training point is surrounded with humor, it can be readily digested, remembered and applied." On the lecture stage, Cleese brings his award-winning series of videos to life. His boundless energy and inimitable sense of humor create a hilarious exploration of business basics, from corporate etiquette and customer service to creative thinking and problem solving.

In the fall of 2014, John released his *New York Times* best-selling memoir, *So Anyway....* The book shares his ascent in the entertainment world, from his humble beginnings in a sleepy English town and his early comedic days at Cambridge University (with future Python partner Graham Chapman), to the founding of the landmark comedy troupe that would propel him to worldwide renown.

An Evening with the Late John Cleese promises to be a thrill-of-a-lifetime event that will have you laughing, marveling, and cherishing the moments of pure comedic brilliance.

Other featured upcoming performances on the Kimmel Cultural Campus include **Eddie Izzard – The Remix: The First 35 Years** (September 14 – 15, Miller Theater); **Tony Hinchcliffe: Fully Groan Tour** (September 29, 2023, Miller Theater); **Sir Patrick Stewart: Making it So** (October 3, 2023, Perelman Theater); **Aunty Donna: The Magical Dead Cat Tour** (October 7, 2023, Perelman Theater); **My Brother, My Brother and Me** (October 11, 2023, Miller Theater); **Nurse Blake: Shock Advised Tour** (October 14, 2023, Miller Theater); **Loreena McKennitt: The Visit Revisited 30th Anniversary Tour** (October 20, 2023, Miller Theater); **The Moth Mainstage** (October 21, 2023, Miller Theater); **Tribute to Jerry Blavat** (October 21, 2023, Academy of Music); **Steve Martin & Martin Short: You Won't Believe What They Look Like Today!** (October 27, 2023, Academy of Music); **Golden Girls – The Laughs Continue** (October 27 – 28, 2023, Miller Theater); **The Wait Wait Stand Up Tour** (November 10, 2023, Miller Theater); **Jimmy Carr: Terribly Funny** (November 11, 2023, Miller Theater); **Ira Glass and Etgar Keret** (November 15, 2023, Miller Theater) and **David Spade: Catch Me Inside** (December 2, 2023, Miller Theater).

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.

VIP ticket includes premium seating, exclusive poster, and a post-show photograph with Mr. Cleese. (Includes a photo taken with Mr. Cleese. No autographs.)

Gold Circle Package includes a premium seat and exclusive poster.

An Evening with the Late John Cleese

Academy of Music on the Kimmel Cultural Campus

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS

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 esteemed Resident Companies: Opera Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet, 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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