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You better WORK! Pop culture icon and international drag superstar @rupaulofficial graces the #KimmelCenter stage for one-night-only on 3/6 to celebrate his long-anticipated memoir #TheHouseofHiddenMeanings. Presented by @EnsembleArtsPhilly. For more info, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY PRESENTS
AWARD-WINNING SUPERSTAR,
RUPAUL,
CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF HIS HIGHLY
ANTICIPATED MEMOIR,
THE HOUSE OF HIDDEN MEANINGS,
MARCH 6, 2024**

**“Easily the world’s most famous drag queen.”
– Fortune**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (February 6, 2024) – Ensemble Arts Philly, the new presenting brand of the Kimmel Cultural Campus and The Philadelphia Orchestra, welcomes pop culture icon and international drag superstar, **RuPaul**, on his international book tour to celebrate the release of the highly anticipated memoir, ***The House of Hidden Meanings***. This one-night-only event will take place inside the Kimmel Center’s Perelman Theater on March 6, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Allow your mind, body, and soul to be enveloped in RuPaul’s lyrically poignant stories on life, love, and finding your voice. During this special event, RuPaul offers fans a manual for living – a personal philosophy that testifies to the value of chosen family, the importance of harnessing what makes you different, and the transformational power of facing yourself fearlessly.

“RuPaul is an undeniable force in popular culture, challenging norms and inspiring millions to embrace their individuality,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and

Presentations. "We're thrilled to provide a platform for such a significant conversation and look forward to welcoming RuPaul and his fans to our venue for a memorable meeting of minds and hearts."

The Emmy Award® -winning host, producer, and performer is renowned for his pioneering efforts to bring drag culture into mainstream popularity through his hit TV show, *RuPaul's Drag Race*. Now, he extends his influence in the literary world, making this event a must-see for his fans, culture enthusiasts, and the LGBTQ+ community.

The House of Hidden Meanings is the larger-than-life performer's captivating new book and serves as an invitation to delve into the hidden codes and symbols of popular culture to reveal its transformative power. From highlighting iconic moments to sharing personal experiences, RuPaul will offer insights beyond surface glitter and glamour, encouraging readers to see the world from a more creative and compassionate perspective.

The House of Hidden Meanings by RuPaul goes on sale March 5, 2024.

About RuPaul

RuPaul Charles is a Tony Award® winner and the 14-time Primetime Emmy Award® -winning executive producer of one of the world's largest television franchises, *RuPaul's Drag Race*. He holds the Guinness World Records title for most Emmy wins for Outstanding Host of Reality/Competition Program and most Emmy Awards of any Black artist in history.

A San Diego native, RuPaul became a popular fixture on the New York City nightclub scene and achieved international fame with the song "Supermodel (You Better Work)" from his 1993 debut album. He has written and recorded 18 studio albums to date.

RuPaul gained notoriety as a captivating and influential figure known for breaking down barriers and promoting self-expression and acceptance. In 1995, he became the first face of MAC Cosmetics, raising millions for the MAC AIDS Fund and becoming the first man to land a major cosmetics campaign. The next year, he landed a TV talk show on VH1. In 2017, RuPaul was named to the *TIME* 100 list of the world's most influential people.

RuPaul has appeared in over 50 films and television shows, both in and out of drag. As an author, he has published three books: *GuRu* (HarperCollins, 2018), *Workin' It! RuPaul's Guide to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Style* (HarperCollins, 2010), and *Lettin' It All Hang Out* (Hyperion Books, 1995). Since January of 2023, RuPaul has hosted and executive produced the CBS revival of the beloved gameshow, *Lingo*.

Other featured upcoming performances include **Fortune Feimster: *Live Laugh Love!*** (February 17, 2024, Miller Theater); **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** (February 23 – 25, 2024, Academy of Music); **Emmet Cohen Trio** (March 14, 2024, Perelman Theater); **TayTay Dance Party with DJ SWIFTIE™** (March 16, 2024, Perelman Theater); **KevOnStage & That Chick Angel: *Here's The Thing*** (March 30, 2024, Miller Theater); **Seth Meyers** (April 6, 2024, Miller Theater); **Terence Blanchard: *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*** (April 7, 2024, Verizon Hall); **Franco Escamilla** (April 7, 2024, Miller Theater); **PHILADANCO!Director's Choice** (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); and **Good Mythical Tour with Rhett & Link** (June 9, 2024, Academy of Music).

TICKETS

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

RuPaul: *The House of Hidden Meanings*

Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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