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Calling all creature-crazy kids, parents, and animals alike! @TheKrattBros (Facebook/Instagram) hit the road again with an all-new electrifying @WildKrattsOfficial (Facebook)/@WildKrattstv (Instagram)/@WildKratts\_TV (Twitter) live tour, coming to the @KimmelCC (Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook/Instagram) on 9/23. For more info, visit www.kimmelculturalcampus.org.

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# KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS PBS KIDS' HIT SHOW, WILD KRATTS, WITH A BRAND-NEW IMMERSIVE & ACTION-PACKED CREATURE ADVENTURE, WILD KRATTS LIVE 2.0 - ACTIVATE CREATURE POWER!, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (July 31, 2023) — The Kimmel Cultural Campus welcomes back the Emmy nominated Wild Kratts in their brand-new live stage show, *Wild Kratts Live 2.0 – Activate Creature Power!* for two performances at the Miller Theater on September 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Martin and Chris Kratt return to engage the audience in a classic, unforgettable Wild Kratts adventure!

In *Wild Kratts LIVE 2.0*, Chris and Martin take to the stage to activate new Creature Powers and go "off to the creature rescue!" With some help from Aviva and the rest of the Wild Kratts team, who will be animated and on screen at the Tortuga HQ, the brothers confront a comic villain and once again save the day, sharing fascinating tidbits about some of the world's most amazing creatures along the way.

Audience members are encouraged to bring along their animal knowledge and participate in the action right from their seats by calling out answers to the questions posed by the Kratt Brothers during the show.

"The Kratts brothers created something completely original and magical with *Wild Kratts LIVE,* an action-packed adventure kicking off our 2023-24 Family Discovery Series," said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming & Presentations on the Kimmel Cultural Campus. "Their love for animals and science shines through in these shows, bringing audiences along for a transformative, educational journey of live action and animation."

*Wild Kratts* follows the animated versions of the Kratt brothers and their friends on hilarious expeditions with wild animals from around the world, complete with animal-inspired gadgets and awesome Creature Power Suits that enable the adventurers to get close to the creatures. Every episode explores an age-appropriate science concept central to an animal's life and showcases a spectacular wildlife moment, presented with engaging stories of mystery and rescue as well as the Kratt brothers' signature brand of laugh-out-loud comedy.

Since their original *Wild Kratts LIVE!* touring show launched in 2014, Chris and Martin have performed to wildly-enthusiastic crowds of hundreds of thousands of fans – many of them sporting their own Creature Power Suits, just like the Kratt Brothers do in the popular series – in more than 135 cities across North America.

Wild Kratts airs in more than 180 countries and is available in 18 languages.

#### **ABOUT THE BROTHERS**

Brothers, Chris Kratt and Martin Kratt, zoologists by training, have built a family entertainment brand based on their enthusiasm for animals and their wild popularity with a family audience. Since founding their production company Kratt Bros. Co. in 1993, they have created and executive produced over 200 episodes of four successful television series: *Kratts' Creatures*, *Zoboomafoo with the Kratt Brothers, Kratt Brothers: Be The Creature*, and *Wild Kratts*. They star in these programs playing themselves and also work as directors, scriptwriters, authors, and wildlife cinematographers—ever in the pursuit of "creature adventure."

Martin Kratt is a graduate of Duke University, with a BS in zoology. He was awarded a Jenrette Fellowship to the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill MBA program. Chris Kratt holds a BA in biology from Carleton College and is a Richter Fellow and Watson Fellow.

The first television series the duo created was *Kratts' Creatures*. Airing first in 1996 for schoolaged kids on PBS, it has since premiered in over 34 countries and won many awards including back-to-back Best Children's Film at the Jackson Wildlife Film Festival and the Parents' Choice Gold Award. Chris and Martin starred in all 50 episodes and wrote six books published by Scholastic.

Chris and Martin then created the Emmy Award-winning *Zoboomafoo*, which premiered in 1999 and continues to air on PBS, PBS Kids/Sprout, and around the world. They starred in and executive-produced 65 episodes, some of which they directed. The brothers also wrote 22 episodes between them and co-wrote the songs for the series, including "The Zoboomafoo Theme" and "The Animal Friend Song".

The Kratt brothers produced two seasons of their primetime series for families, *Kratt Brothers: Be the Creature*, which premiered October 2003 on National Geographic Channel. This program carries the trademark of all Kratt brothers' initiatives: the infusion of wildlife and entertainment. Real-life "creature adventurers", Chris and Martin travel to remote regions to live with wild animals—on the creatures' turf and by their rules. Chris and Martin have written and directed 26 one-hour episodes of this series as well as functioning as wildlife cameramen and executive producers.

#### **Kimmel Cultural Campus Family Discovery Series**

The 2023–24 Family Discovery Series returns for its 8th year with a lineup including kid-friendly favorites and re-envisioned family classics, curated to appeal to the littlest growing arts lovers.

<u>Click here for a full list of series programming.</u> Packages are on sale now and start at just \$21 per show; single tickets to select shows in the 2023-24 Family Discovery Series are on sale now. This season's Family Discovery Series is generously sponsored by Dietz & Watson. The Philadelphia Orchestra Family Concerts are funded in part by the Zisman Family Foundation.

#### Tickets

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at <u>www.kimmelculturalcampus.org</u>. 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 <u>www.kimmelculturalcampus.org</u> for more information.

#### WILD KRATTS LIVE 2.0 – ACTIVATE CREATURE POWER

Miller Theater on the Kimmel Cultural Campus Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. & 5:00 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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