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## WHYY CELEBRATES FRESH AIR 30th ANNIVERSARY WITH LIVE SETH MEYERS INTERVIEW AT THE KIMMEL CENTER JUNE 9, 2017

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, April 20, 2017) — The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts and WHYY will host a special live recording of *Fresh Air with Terry Gross* on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 8:30 p.m. at the Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall. *Fresh Air's* longtime host will sit down with comedian and namesake host of *Late Night with Seth Meyers* for an interview that will be broadcast nationally on *Fresh Air* the following week. The evening serves as a special celebration of *Fresh Air's* 30th Anniversary, and will include a question and answer session with the audience.

"For decades, Terry and her team have covered historic moments, significant topics and important issues with intelligence and humor," said WHYY Inc. President & CEO William Marrasso. "From B. B. King, Mel Brooks and Maurice Sendak to Ta-Nehisi Coates and Amy Tan, these interviews mark the major milestones and perspectives of our time and offer a unique view into our culture."

"Our partnership with WHYY continues to bring groundbreaking, one-of-a-kind experiences to our cultural campus," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Terry Gross is an accomplished, astute observer of humankind and master of her craft. We are honored to celebrate the 30th anniversary of her Philadelphia based program."

Terry Gross commenced work on *Fresh Air* in 1975, when the show was broadcast only in Philadelphia. A decade after it went on the air, WHYY-FM launched a weekly half-hour edition of *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*, which NPR carried. Since May 11, 1987, a daily, one-hour national edition of *Fresh Air* has been produced by WHYY-FM. Its intimate conversations with the leading voices in contemporary arts and issues connect with 6 million people weekly on more than 646 NPR stations across the country and in Europe. *Fresh Air* is NPR's most downloaded podcast and for a second year in a row was the top downloaded podcast on Apple's Best of 2016 list which celebrates the most popular content across the App Store, iTunes, Apple Music and iBooks. Terry Gross has received many accolades including various honorary degrees. She was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame, and most recently was awarded the National Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama.

Comedian, actor, and talk show host Seth Meyers has been making audiences laugh since 2001, serving as head writer and cast member on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*. After many years in supporting roles on

*SNL*, Meyers moved into the iconic anchor position for *Weekend Update* in 2006 with co-anchor Amy Poehler. In February 2014, Meyers performed in his last episode of *SNL* before taking over as the new host of *Late Night*. After the premiere of *Late Night with Seth Meyers* in February 2014, Meyers, who is an Emmy® Award-winning writer, hosted the 66<sup>th</sup> Primetime Emmy® Awards in August 2014. Meyers was named one of the 2014 TIME 100, *TIME* magazine's 100 most influential people.

## **FRESH AIR LIVE WITH TERRY GROSS AND GUEST SETH MEYERS**

### **Verizon Hall**

June 9, 2017, 8:30 p.m.

### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$29.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (215) 893-1999, online at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. All "Orchestra Meet & Greet" tickets include a pre-show meet & greet with Terry Gross and Seth Meyers.

Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

### **WHYY**

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### **The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The 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, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2016-2017 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

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