

KIMMEL CENTER
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Academy of Music
Merriam Theater
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Free at the Kimmel

The Kimmel Center provides more than 60 free performances throughout the center's spaces each season. These free events are open to the public and for all ages. Updates and complete schedules are available at www.kimmelcenter.org/free.

Free at the Kimmel events include:

- Free in the Plaza:** Local and regional artists perform classical, jazz, pop, country, world, dance and family fare on the Commonwealth Plaza stage before most Kimmel Center Presents performances presented in Verizon Hall. Part of the Free in the Plaza series, the Kimmel Center's annual TUBACHRISTMAS celebration attracts hundreds of people from around the region to a free community concert of holiday music each December.
- Artist Chats:** Kimmel Center Presents performers engage in onstage "chats" to provide insight into the performance, share anecdotes about their experiences and answer audience questions. Free Artist Chats take place prior to or following performances in the Organ Recitals Series, as well as in conjunction with additional performances throughout the season.
- Organ Postludes:** Local and regional organists perform on the Fred J. Cooper Memorial Organ in Verizon Hall following each concert in the Kimmel Center's Great Orchestra on Tour Series.
- PNC Grow Up Great:** Kid-friendly, musical performances for children ages 0-4 take place at 11 am on the first Saturday of each month in Commonwealth Plaza (unless otherwise noted at www.kimmelcenter.org/family) from October – May. This series is supported by partnership funding through the nationally recognized PNC "Grow Up Great" initiative, a 10-year, \$100 million investment in preparing children for success in school and life.
- Building & Theater Tour:** Free, themed tours include a history of the Kimmel Center; architectural and construction highlights; and visits to Commonwealth Plaza, Perelman Theater, Verizon Hall, Merck Arts Education Center and the Dorrance H. Hamilton Garden. Tours take place Tuesdays-Sundays at 1pm and are approximately one hour in duration. Visit the Commonwealth Plaza Information Desk for more information.
- Art & Architecture Tour:** Free, themed tours include an in-depth look at the Kimmel Center's architecture, a walk along the Avenue of the Arts to view the center in the context of the cityscape, and a tour of artwork on display throughout the building, including the Moore Galleries and the recently installed Percent for Art collection. Tours take place every Saturday at 10:30am and are approximately 90 minutes in duration. Visit the Commonwealth Plaza Information Desk for more information.