



**“SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE” EMMY-NOMINATED STAR KENAN THOMPSON TO HOST SEASON 9
PREMIERE OF BYUtv’S “STUDIO C - LIVE FROM NYC” EVENT ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
AT MANHATTAN CENTER’S HAMMERSTEIN BALLROOM**

**Cast of family-friendly sketch comedy TV show and YouTube sensation “Studio C” to perform
before live audiences with ticket proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish®**

July 13 2018, Provo, Utah – BYUtv, a family entertainment network, today announced that its original sketch comedy series, “Studio C,” will present “Studio C - Live from NYC” hosted by Emmy-nominated “Saturday Night Live” star Kenan Thompson on Fri., Aug. 24. Two live comedy shows will take place in New York City at Manhattan Center’s Hammerstein Ballroom at 6:30pm and 9:30pm ET. The shows will be filmed for a one hour television special that will air as the ninth season premiere of “Studio C” on BYUtv, Mon., Sept. 10 at 7pm MT and will repeat at 10pm MT.

Tickets will be available at Ticketmaster.com for \$10, \$20 and \$30 in late July. The proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Metro New York, the organization that creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Fans can visit BYUtv.org/studiocnyc to find the most up-to-date information about the “Studio C – Live from NYC” event.

“Studio C – Live from NYC” will feature all-new sketches featuring the fan-favorite cast. Kenan Thompson, who is the longest-running cast member in the history of “Saturday Night Live,” will join them in hilarious sketches, in addition to hosting the event.

“Comedy that is not only appropriate for the entire family to enjoy together but also engaging and compelling is uncommon and difficult to achieve,” said Michael Dunn, managing director of BYUtv. “For years, ‘Studio C’ has been delivering this kind of experience to families around the globe, so we are thrilled that Kenan Thompson, who has made an illustrious career in clean comedy, will be joining the cast. ‘Studio C – Live from NYC’ will be a one-of-a-kind opportunity for passionate fans and their entire families to see the cast perform in person and enjoy a night of comedy together. The television special will capture the excitement of the live New York City performances and can be enjoyed by the entire fan base.”

“Studio C,” an original scripted comedy show that reaches a national audience by balancing irreverence with family-appropriate fun, has over 1 billion views on YouTube. The show plays off of widely relatable topics, offering comic perspective on commonplace scenarios—from ethical dilemmas and quirky relatives to roommate and friendship quandaries, video gaming angst and heartbreak – and weighs in on pop culture. It’s a laugh at our own fallible humanity and a nod to the fact that we’re not alone in our

embarrassing moments. It's irreverent humor that the whole family can enjoy without parents needing to send the kids from the room or cover their eyes and ears.

Emmy-nominated actor/comedian Kenan Thompson will return this fall for his 16th season on "Saturday Night Live." He has made numerous contributions to the show with his slew of hilarious impressions that include Rev. Al Sharpton, Charles Barkley and Steve Harvey, along with many memorable characters. Thompson made his television debut as a member of Nickelodeon's all-kid sketch comedy series "All That." In 1996, he and his partner Kel Mitchell debuted on a spin-off show, "Kenan and Kel." He has also appeared in such feature films as "Fat Albert," "D2: The Mighty Ducks," "Good Burger," "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle," "Brother Nature," "Heavyweights," "My Boss's Daughter," "Barbershop 2," "Going in Style," "They Came Together" and "Snakes on a Plane."

"Studio C – Live from NYC" joins BYUtv's original programming slate, including "Relative Race," the first family-history based competitive reality show that follows four teams as they meet relatives linked by DNA for the first time in a race throughout the U.S. and "Random Acts," an unscripted hidden-camera reality show that highlights the altruistic nature of human beings by featuring real people who are the recipients of random acts of kindness. BYUtv is available in every state of the country via cable, satellite and multiple digital media platforms including byutv.org, AppleTV, Xbox ONE, Xbox360, Roku, Amazon FireTV, iOS and Android.

For a complete listing of BYUtv's programming visit www.byutv.org.

About BYUtv

BYUtv provides families more than 1,700 hours of entertaining and compelling programming they can enjoy together. The network's content is trusted, contemporary and clean, yet clever and sophisticated enough to inspire children and parents alike. BYUtv's diverse portfolio of original, co-produced and acquired content includes scripted and unscripted dramas and comedies, 700+ hours of live HD collegiate sports, game shows, and holiday special made-for-tv movies, docudramas and concerts. BYUtv is available in 50 million homes in every state of the country on DISH Network, DirecTV and 146 other major cable systems. A digital pioneer, BYUtv was the first U.S. television network to stream all of its content live and unencrypted over the Internet. Today, BYUtv has over 1 million YouTube subscribers and 1 billion views and is available live and on-demand on multiple digital platforms free of charge, including Apple TV, YouTube, Roku, Amazon Fire, Chromecast, Xbox One, Windows Media, digital apps for iOS and Android and BYUtv.org. Based in Provo, Utah, BYUtv is part of BYU Broadcasting, which is owned by Brigham Young University.

About Make-A-Wish

Make-A-Wish creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. We seek to bring every eligible child's wish to life because a wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey. Research shows children who have wishes granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight their illness. Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, Make-A-Wish is the world's leading children's wish-granting organization, serving children in every community in the United States and in more than 50 countries worldwide. Together, generous donors, supporters, staff and more than 35,000 volunteers across the U.S., grant a wish every 34 minutes, on average, somewhere in the country. Since 1980, Make-A-Wish has granted more than 300,000 wishes to children in the U.S. and its territories; more than 15,400 in 2017 alone. For more information about Make-A-Wish America, visit wish.org.

About Manhattan Center

Manhattan Center is New York's premier venue for events, concerts, TV and recording production. Located at 34th Street and 8th Avenue, Manhattan Center is home to The Hammerstein and The Grand – two of New York's most iconic spaces for corporate galas, trade shows, product launches and live performances. The New Yorker Hotel, a majestic Art Deco masterpiece, completes Manhattan Center's mission of providing New York with a unique combination of world-class events, elite entertainment and unmatched hospitality. Manhattan Center features two TV studios that have hosted a wide range of programming for major networks including NBC Universal, BBC America, ESPN and HBO. Manhattan Center provides its recording clients two state-of-the-art studios, The Cabin and Studio-7, both recently upgraded to the highest industry standard. Artists including Sting, Jill Scott, Justin Timberlake and Renee Fleming are among the many global superstars who have come to Manhattan Center for its superior recording and engineering capabilities.

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