

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 19, 2016

Media Contact:
Gina Hyams, PR Consultant
413.464.2851
ginahyams@gmail.com

High-resolution photographs are available for download at
<http://www.mahaiwe.org/press.html>

**Mahaiwe Presents *Selected Shorts Unforgettable Journeys*
with Jane Curtin, Jane Kaczmarek, and Robert Sean Leonard**

Great Barrington, Mass.— The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center presents *Selected Shorts Unforgettable Journeys* on Monday, August 22 at 7:30pm. The evening will feature spellbinding short stories by established and emerging writers, performed by stars of the stage and screen. Host Jane Kaczmarek (*Malcolm in the Middle*), along with the show's longtime readers Jane Curtin (*Unforgettable*) and Robert Sean Leonard (*House*) perform moving and comical stories of destinations real and imaginary, far flung, and close at hand, with journeys featuring wild adventures, comic mishaps, and unexpected encounters.

“We are eagerly looking forward to our next night of *Selected Shorts*, with more great actors on our intimate stage. The Mahaiwe has enjoyed a special partnership with the creators of this memorable short story program, and this will be our eighth presentation of the series since 2008,” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “We are also delighted to host the Berkshire International Film Festival’s screening of *Art and Heart: the World of Isaiah Sheffer* on June 4 at 10:30am, with Ethel Sheffer and the filmmakers sharing a Q&A. This documentary celebrates the life of the man many knew as host of *Selected Shorts* on public radio, at Symphony Space in New York, and also here at the Mahaiwe.”

Selected Shorts is a weekly public radio show broadcast on more than 150 stations around the country. It is produced by Symphony Space and distributed by Public Radio

International. The radio show is recorded live as a popular New York City stage show that began in 1985 and still enjoys sellout audiences today at Symphony Space on Broadway and 95th Street in New York City.

Selected Shorts tickets are \$25 to \$40, plus a limited number of \$15 tickets available for audience members ages 30 and younger through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program. Tickets go on sale to Mahaiwe members on Wednesday, May 25 and on sale to the public on Saturday, May 28. The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 12:00pm to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. For tickets and information, see www.mahaiwe.org or call 413.528.0100.

About the Mahaiwe

Located in downtown Great Barrington, Massachusetts, the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center is the year-round presenter of world-class music, dance, theater, classic films, Live in HD broadcasts, and arts education programs for the southern Berkshires and neighboring regions. The intimate jewel box of a theater opened in 1905. Since 2005, the performing arts center has hosted over 1,000 events and welcomed almost half a million people through its doors. The Mahaiwe has now welcomed over 15,000 students from 55 different schools for its school-time performances and residencies. The Mahaiwe generates in excess of \$1,000,000 in ticket revenue from 150 events each year, while contributing over \$4,000,000 in regional economic impact from the theater's direct spending and audience's restaurant, lodging, and shopping activities.