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Mahaiwe Presents Political Comedy by Mike Daisey

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present Mike Daisey's *The Trump Card* on Thursday, October 20 at 8:00pm. "The talented and hard-hitting performer Mike Daisey illuminates current state of the American Dream," said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. "He offers us a chance to reflect as a community on how we've landed in this current political climate and we invite everyone who is engaged by our democracy to attend this one-night-only performance."

Mike Daisey has been compared to a modern-day Mark Twain and a latter-day Orson Welles for his provocative monologues that combine the political and the personal, weaving together secret histories with hilarity and heart. In *The Trump Card*, he takes on the reigning world heavyweight of self-mythologizing, the short-fingered vulgarian who captured a nation's imagination through bullying, charm, one-syllable explosions, and occasionally telling the brutal truth: Donald J. Trump.

Since his first monologue in 1997, Daisey has created over 15 monologues, including the critically-acclaimed *The Last Cargo Cult*, the controversial *How Theater Failed America*, 24-hour feat *All the Hours in the Day*, the unrepeatably series *All Stories Are Fiction*, the four-part epic *Great Men of Genius*, and the international sensation *21 Dog Years*. He has been nominated for the Outer Critics Circle Award, two Drama League Awards, and is the recipient of the Bay Area Critics Circle Award, five Seattle Times Footlight Awards, the Sloan Foundation's Galileo Prize, and a MacDowell Fellowship.

Tickets

Tickets are \$29 to \$39, and free to Mahaiwe members. In addition, a limited number of \$15 tickets are available for audience members ages 30 and younger to the regular performances through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program. The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. For tickets and information, see www.mahaiwe.org.

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.