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**Mahaiwe Announces Additions to 2018 Season**  
**Highlights include Lewis Black; “Love Letters” with Ali MacGraw and Ryan O’Neal; “Radio Deluxe Live” with John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey**

Great Barrington, Mass.—Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly announces additions to the performing arts center’s 2018 schedule, including comedian Lewis Black; “Love Letters” by A.R. Gurney with Ali MacGraw and Ryan O’Neal; and “Radio Deluxe Live” with John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey.

“I am delighted by the new, and very different, highlights we are adding to our 2018 season—from the poignant dedication between Ali MacGraw and Ryan O’Neal’s characters in ‘Love Letters’ to the comic rants of Lewis Black,” says Jolly. “We are happy to celebrate the holiday season with John Pizzarelli for the 6th straight year and this year it’s with the chance to see John and Jessica record “Radio Deluxe Live” from the Mahaiwe stage. Each night will be unforgettable!”

Hollywood legends Ali MacGraw and Ryan O’Neal star in “Love Letters,” playwright A.R. Gurney’s enduring romance about first loves and second chances, on Sunday, July 22 at 8:00pm. The duo played star-crossed lovers in the 1970 classic film “Love Story” and will perform “Love Letters” in Great Barrington for one night only. This 90-minute play shares the simple reading of correspondence between the two characters. It is a testament to a love that lasts 50 years, despite very different paths in life and different choices made. Tickets are \$55 to \$155.

Grammy Award-winning stand-up comedian Lewis Black will bring his provocative act to the Mahaiwe stage on Sunday, September 23 at 7:00pm, as part of his Joke's on US Tour. Known as the "king of the rant," he uses his trademark style of comedic yelling and animated finger-pointing to skewer anything and anyone that gets under his skin. His comedic brilliance lies in his ability to make people laugh at the absurdities of life, with topics that include current events, social media, politics, and anything else that exposes the hypocrisy and madness he sees in the world. His live performances provide a cathartic release of anger and disillusionment for his audience. Black performs more than 200 nights annually, to sold-out audiences throughout Europe, New Zealand, Canada, and the United States. Tickets are \$70 to \$130.

Renowned jazz musicians John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey will record their syndicated American-songbook radio program, "Radio Deluxe," live at the Mahaiwe on Saturday, December 22 at 8:00pm. This popular show mixes and matches songs in medleys and sequences that flow like a continuing dialogue about life, relationships, and popular culture itself. The common denominator is a playful sense of humor. The husband-and-wife hosts are masters of off-the-cuff repartee. Special guest TBA. This event is a co-presentation with Berkshires Jazz, Inc. Tickets are \$35 to \$110.

### **Tickets**

Tickets to these three new shows and to three performances by Paul Taylor Dance Company, including a New England premiere (July 6 and 7), and Arlo Guthrie (November 17) go on sale to Mahaiwe members on Friday, May 4 and to the public on Thursday, May 10. In addition to early buying privileges, Mahaiwe members enjoy special discounts on tickets to all live shows. A limited number of youth discount \$15 tickets are available for audience members ages 30 and younger to the Mahaiwe's live performances.

The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4:00pm and three hours

before show times. For tickets and information, see [www.mahaiwe.org](http://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 over half a million people through its doors. More than 18,000 students from 61 different schools have benefited from the Mahaiwe's school-time performances and residencies. For more information, see [www.mahaiwe.org](http://www.mahaiwe.org).

### **About the Berkshires**

Less than three hours from New York City and Boston, the Berkshires offers culture and adventure year-round. The surrounding mountains provide plenty of opportunity for outdoor excursions in all seasons while world class culture and entertainment, along with a deeply rooted food culture and an array of lodging options amidst picturesque towns, set this region apart. For more information, visit [berkshires.org](http://berkshires.org).

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