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Mahaiwe to Receive \$10,000 Grant from National Endowment for the Arts

Great Barrington, Mass.— National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than \$80 million in grants as part of the NEA’s second major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$10,000 to the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, with Berkshires Jazz, Inc., for John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey in “Radio Deluxe Live.” The Art Works category is the NEA’s largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

“The variety and quality of these projects speaks to the wealth of creativity and diversity in our country,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “Through the work of organizations such as the Mahaiwe in Great Barrington, MA, NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are.”

“We are thrilled to receive our first Art Works grant from the NEA, and delighted by this opportunity to partner with Ed Bride and Berkshires Jazz on our special winter presentation of ‘Radio Deluxe Live,’” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly.

“Jazz is America’s cultural gift to the world, and the support of the NEA helps us tell that story to wider audiences. Without NEA support, it would be impossible to bring artists of this caliber to audiences at accessible prices,” said Edward J. Bride, president of Berkshires Jazz, Inc. “Equally important, the history that the Pizzarelli family has in jazz

lore is something that must not be lost, and the NEA grant will help us capture and tell much of that story to wider audiences.”

Mahaiwe and Berkshires Jazz, Inc. will co-present renowned jazz musicians John Pizzarelli and Jessica Molaskey on Saturday, December 22 at 8:00pm. The duo will record their syndicated American-songbook radio program, “Radio Deluxe,” live at the Mahaiwe. 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.

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 1,500 events and welcomed over half a million people through its doors. More than 20,000 students from 61 different schools have benefited from the Mahaiwe’s school-time performances and residencies. For more information, see 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.