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**Mahaiwe Presents Comedian Lewis Black in September  
Plus London's National Theatre Live broadcast of *Julie* and *Jurassic Park* screening**

Great Barrington, Mass.—The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present Grammy Award-winning stand-up comedian Lewis Black on Sunday, September 23 at 7:00pm. “We’re very excited to continue our 2018 comedy line-up with Lewis Black and his *The Joke’s On US Tour*,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “This will be Lewis’s first time at the Mahaiwe and we’re looking forward to his thought-provoking rants and lots of laughs.”

Known as the “king of the rant,” Black 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.

The Mahaiwe will broadcast London’s National Theatre in HD production of *Julie* on September 29 at 2:00pm. This new version of August Strindberg’s play *Miss Julie*, written by Polly Stenham, remains shocking and fiercely relevant in its new setting of contemporary London. Vanessa Kirby (*The Crown*, NT Live: *A Streetcar Named Desire*) and Eric Kofi Abrefa (*The Amen Corner*) feature in the cast of this brand new production, directed by Carrie Cracknell (NT Live: *The Deep Blue Sea*). Please note that

the stage production will contain strobe lighting and it has an age guidance of 15+. Tickets are \$17 / \$10 for everyone 21 and under (box office only). Harney & Sons Fine Teas sponsors the intermission tea.

To celebrate the film's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Mahaiwe will screen *Jurassic Park* (1993) on Sunday, September 30 at 4:00pm. In Steven Spielberg's massive blockbuster, paleontologists Alan Grant (Sam Neill) and Ellie Sattler (Laura Dern) and mathematician Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum) are among a select group chosen to tour an island theme park populated by dinosaurs created from prehistoric DNA. The Mahaiwe has partnered with Only in My Dreams Events to enrich the night with a movie-themed treat. Sponsored by Buchwald, tickets (general admission) are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. \$10 movie-and-a-drink tickets are also available, which include a beer, glass of wine, or soda at Number Ten restaurant next door to the theater the night of the screening.

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 1,500 events and welcomed over half a million people through its doors. More than 20,000 students from 68 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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