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Comedian John Mulaney to Headline Mahaiwe Gala

Great Barrington, Mass.— Comedian John Mulaney will headline the 2019 Mahaiwe Gala on Saturday, August 10 at 8:00pm in a festive evening to benefit the performing arts center’s year-round programs and to honor Maggie Buchwald in appreciation of her Mahaiwe board leadership and lifelong commitment to the arts.

“John Mulaney is one of the most versatile comedians working today, and we’re thrilled to showcase him at the highlight event of the Mahaiwe’s 2019 season,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “He has a very broad, popular appeal and I’m so happy to have the chance to offer a multi-generational experience for this year’s gala performance. The night promises to be sold out, unforgettable, and talked about for years to come.”

Writer and comedian John Mulaney recently toured the United States with Kid Gorgeous, which was also released as a Netflix Special and won the Emmy for Outstanding Writing in a Variety Special. He has hosted Saturday Night Live twice, in April 2018 and March 2019. He also works with the world’s best comedy minds to invent content for platforms like “Documentary Now” and “Funny or Die.” Previously, Mulaney starred in the Broadway hit, Oh, Hello, alongside Nick Kroll. He can most recently be heard in Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse, which won both the Oscar and Golden Globe for best animated feature film.

Gala honoree Maggie Buchwald served as Chair of the Mahaiwe Board from 2013 through 2018, leading the Mahaiwe for six significant seasons. During her tenure, the
organization completed The IMPACT Campaign, raising over $2.7 million to eliminate all debt from the theater’s mortgage and lines of credit, and creating a healthy operating cash reserve. The organization continues to operate debt-free to this day, and has grown in every dimension, from the number of performances mounted and tickets sold to the number of students welcomed at education programs and other non-profit organizations hosted at the theater. She and husband Don Buchwald have provided support of every kind to the Mahaiwe since its founding, and generously underwrite the theater’s classic film series.

“Maggie Buchwald’s leadership of the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center over the last six years was, like Maggie, quietly courageous. She led during times of institutional growth—from a very young organization to an established institution—and of broad economic shifts in our country,” says Mahaiwe Board Chair Margaret Deutsch. “Throughout, her dedication to the Mahaiwe has been wholehearted, clear-sighted, and steady, and her gracious inclusion of others brought us far. I am personally grateful for Maggie’s example as a compelling advocate for the performing arts.”

Buchwald joined the Mahaiwe board after a career as a fundraising consultant, providing counsel to non-profit cultural institutions in areas of board development, endowment and capital campaigns, major gift solicitation, and strategic planning. Prior to establishing her own business, she held senior positions at some of New York’s major cultural and educational institutions, including American Ballet Theatre, Thirteen/WNET, and NYU Medical Center. A graduate of Cornell University, she is active in community service, has taught professional workshops, serves on the board of Gingold Theatrical Group in New York, and is a past president of Women in Development, New York.

The 2019 Mahaiwe Gala Committee includes Sandy and Ron Ashendorf (Committee Chairs), Leslye Alexander, Shari Ashman, Jayne Atkinson and Michel Gill, Donna Bernstein, Joyce and Richard Brousseau, Debra and James Buslik, Beth and Jeffrey N. Cohen, Barbara Cutler, Margaret Deutsch, Elisa Schindler Frankel, Caroline Frohne, Susan and Richard Grausman, Jane Iredale, Liz and Alan Jaffe, Wendy Linscott,
Benjamin Liptzin, M.D., Clara Londoner, Jeanne and Robert Meister, Enid Michelman, Pamela Pescosolido, Robin Richman and Bruce Auerbach, Deb and Bill Ryan, Sari Scheer and Sam Kopel, Appy and John Stookey, Mandy Victor-Piezarka, and Ron Walter.

A limited number of performance-only tickets, priced at $100 for upper balcony and $250 for balcony and mezzanine, go on sale online and through the box office to Mahaiwe Bravo Circle Members at noon on Thursday, July 18; to Mahaiwe Members at noon on Friday, July 19; and to the public at noon on Tuesday, July 23. Gala package tickets, available now, start at $500 and include a pre-show dinner catered by Peter Platt of Old Inn on the Green. To order gala packages, contact Erica Darling at erica@mahaiwe.org or 413.644.9040 x107.

The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4:00pm 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 1,500 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.

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a deeply rooted food culture and an array of lodging options amidst picturesque towns, set this region apart. For more information, visit berkshires.org.

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