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Mahaiwe August Events
The Fab Faux, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Natalie Merchant, David Sedaris,
John Mulaney, and Savion Glover

Great Barrington, Mass.—The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present a diverse
array of live performances in August, including appearances by The Fab Faux, Sweet

“August is full of fabulous music, hilarious humor, and tremendous tap dancing here in
downtown Great Barrington,” says Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. “It’s a jam-
packed month of unbelievable and diverse events, all of which are likely to sell out to
very different crowds.”

The Fab Faux will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Abbey Road, backed by The
Hogshead Horns and The Creme Tangerine Strings, on Friday, August 2 at 8:00pm. With
a commitment to the accurate reproduction of The Beatles’ repertoire, the band treats the
seminal music with unwavering respect, and is known for their painstaking recreations of
the songs (with emphasis on the later works never performed live by the Beatles). The
musical virtuosity of The Fab Faux—in actuality, five of the hardest working musicians
in NYC—completely up-ends the concept of a Beatles tribute band. Far beyond being
extended sets of cover versions, their astounding shows are an inspired re-discovery of
the Beatles’ musical magic. Sponsored by Iredale Cosmetics, tickets are $15 (youth) to
$111.
Sweet Honey in the Rock will perform on Saturday, August 3 at 8:00pm. Founded in 1973, the Grammy Award-nominated female a cappella quartet remains among the most vibrant, versatile, and relevant musical collectives today. The ensemble currently consists of members Carol Maillard, Louise Robinson, Nitanju Bolade Casel, Aisha Kahlil, and featured musician Romeir Mendez on upright acoustic bass and electric bass. Sweet Honey in the Rock is a powerful and unique concert entity that fuses the elastic 360-degree possibilities of the human voice with a theatrical flair that keeps avid audiences returning for more year after year. They create positive, loving, and socially conscious message music that matters as it pertains to spiritual fortification, and they consistently take an activist stance toward making this planet a better place for all in which to live. Sponsored by Fairview Hospital/Berkshire Health Systems, tickets are $15 (youth) to $89.

Natalie Merchant will perform with her long-time guitarist, Erik Della Penna, on Tuesday, August 6 at 8:00pm. The concert will include material from the past 35 years of Merchant’s career. She started out as the lead vocalist and lyricist of the pop music band 10,000 Maniacs and released two platinum and four gold records with the group between 1981 and 1993. Her latest albums are *Butterfly*, which is entirely devoted to songs with string quartet arrangements and *The Natalie Merchant Collection*, which is a deluxe 10-CD retrospective of her solo career. Sponsored by Berkshire Gas, tickets are $15 (youth) to $71. Note: this show is sold out.

David Sedaris will perform on Friday, August 9 at 8:00pm. With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, Sedaris has become one of America’s pre-eminent humor writers. He is the master of satire and one of today’s most observant writers addressing the human condition. *Calypso*, his latest collection of essays, is a *New York Times* bestseller and a *Washington Post* Best Book of the Year. The audiobook of *Calypso* has been nominated for a 2019 Grammy in the Best Spoken Word Album category. Sponsored by Theory Wellness and Iredale Cosmetics, tickets are $15 (youth) to $73.
Writer and comedian John Mulaney will headline the 2019 Mahaiwe Gala, which will honor Maggie Buchwald in appreciation of her board leadership and lifelong commitment to the arts, on Saturday, August 10 at 8:00pm. Mulaney 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.

A limited number of Mulaney 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.

Tony Award-winning tap dancer and choreographer Savion Glover will present a new show created in collaboration with the percussion group, OUT’KniGHTz (which features Jalin Shiver on horn and Malachi J. Lewis on drums) on Sunday, August 11 at 7:00pm. Glover made his Broadway debut at age 11 as The Tap Dance Kid, and continued with Black and Blue, Jelly’s Last Jam, and his unprecedented award-winning Bring in ’da Noise, Bring in ’da Funk, which garnered him a Tony Award for Best Choreography. In addition to his extensive Broadway career as a performer and choreographer, he has created many tap repertoires that tour worldwide, including Bare Soundz, Classical Savion, OM, STePz, Solo in Time, Sole Sanctuary, Improvography, Footnotes, Savion Glover’s Holiday Spectacular, and Savion Glover’s All FuNKD’Up, The Concert. Sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union, tickets are $15 (youth) to $89.
A limited supply of $15 youth tickets to all of the live events (except for the Gala) is available for everyone ages 30 and under on a first-come, first-served basis via the Mahaiwe box office only (not online). 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.

**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.

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