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**Mahaiwe Presents Zappa Plays Zappa
“Roxy & Elsewhere” 40th Anniversary Tour, including Guitar Master Class**

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center will present the Zappa Plays Zappa “Roxy & Elsewhere” 40th Anniversary Tour on Sunday, July 6 at 7:00pm. “We're thrilled to welcome back Dweezil and Zappa Plays Zappa for this celebratory tour and delighted to share a special guitar master class opportunity in the mix,” said Mahaiwe Executive Director Beryl Jolly. Concert and master class tickets go on sale to Mahaiwe members on Wednesday, March 26 at 12:00pm and to the public on Friday, March 28 at 12:00pm.

Zappa Plays Zappa, the Grammy-winning group led by Frank Zappa’s son Dweezil, has made and recreated history performing the music of Frank Zappa. This tour is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the classic Frank Zappa album “Roxy & Elsewhere.” The concert will feature provocative rhythms, including live performances of “Don’t You Ever Wash That Thing?,” “Echidna's Arf (of You),” and “Be-Bop Tango (of the Old Jazzmen's Church).”

Since 2006, Dweezil Zappa has led his highly acclaimed group through more than 500 worldwide performances and over 275 compositions spanning the breadth of his late father’s deep catalog. “The ‘Roxy’ album has always been one of my favorites and I’m excited to play it top to bottom. It has a great balance of musical styles and showcases some of the funkier grooves and most devilishly frenetic instrumental passages my father ever composed,” said Zappa.

In addition, Zappa will teach a guitar master class on Sunday, July 6 at 3:00pm. His Dweezilla Music Bootcamp motto is “Learn and Destroy.” It refers to destroying the boundaries that confine music creativity. Guitarists of all levels are welcome and class size is extremely limited. Tickets to the 90-minute master class are \$75 (and do not include admission to that night’s Zappa Plays Zappa concert). To register, visit the Mahaiwe box office or call 413.528.0100 during box office hours.

The Mahaiwe is located at 14 Castle Street in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Box office hours are Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 6:00pm and three hours before show times. A limited number of \$15 tickets are available for patrons ages 30 and younger to all Mahaiwe-presented performances through the Mahaiwe ArtSmart Tix program. 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 and has been in continuous operation for over 100 years. In 2005, the theater experienced a renaissance as a beautifully restored 681-seat venue to offer a broad range of cultural and community events. Today’s “Mahaiwe Mix” of diverse, high quality programming strives to provide meaningful, memorable entertainment for all ages and interests.

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