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**Mahaiwe and Lime Rock to Present Documentary Film
About Paul Newman's Racing Career**

**Even includes pre-screening panel with
Sam Posey, Ellen Griesedieck, and John Clagett**

Great Barrington, Mass.— Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, in partnership with Lime Rock Park, will screen *Winning: The Racing Life of Paul Newman* (2015) on Friday, May 22 at 7:30pm. This event will begin with a half-hour panel discussion with Sam Posey, Ellen Griesedieck, and John Clagett, followed by the feature-length documentary that chronicles the 35-year racing career of actor Paul Newman. Tickets are \$15. The event is free to Mahaiwe Members and Lime Rock Memorial Day ticket holders.

The world knows Paul Newman as an Academy Award winning actor with a fifty-plus year career as one of the most prolific and revered actors in American cinema. He was also well known for his philanthropy; Newman's Own has given more than four hundred and thirty million dollars to charities around the world. Yet few know the gasoline-fueled passion that became so important in this complex, multifaceted man's makeup. Newman's deep-seated passion for racing was so intense it nearly sidelined his acting career.

Winning: The Racing Life of Paul Newman, directed by Adam Carolla and Nate Adams, showcases Newman's prolific racing career as both a driver and an owner. As a driver Paul Newman won four SCCA National Championships, 24 Hours of Daytona, took second overall at Le Mans (winning his class), and won multiple professional Trans Am

racers. He also owned Newman/Haas Racing with Carl Haas. Together with drivers Mario Andretti, Michael Andretti, Sebastien Bourdais, and others, they were one of the most prolific Indycar teams in history, winning eight championships. Newman lived and breathed racing—this is his story. The film features Robert Redford, Tom Cruise, Joanne Woodward, Patrick Dempsey, Jay Leno, Robert Wagner, Mario and Michael Andretti, Sebastien Bourdais, Bob Sharp, Sam Posey and many others who raced with, and for, Paul Newman.

Lime Rock Park put together the pre-screening panel of people who knew Paul Newman well. Sam Posey is one of the greats of American motor racing. Over 20 years, his career included drives in just about every single major category and event. In 1974, he joined the ABC Sports team as an analyst for the Indy 500 and currently voices the pre-race montage for NBC Sports Network's F1 broadcast. Artist Ellen Griesedieck is married to Mr. Posey. She worked as a photographer for *Sports Illustrated*, *People*, and *Road and Track*. John Clagett is the president of the Trans-Am Race Company. He had a 22-year affiliation with SCCA Pro Racing and the Trans-Am Series, most recently as executive director of Trans-Am in 2005 when Champ Car operated and sanctioned the series. He returned to Trans-Am in 2012 as its president.

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. 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 1,000 events and welcomed almost half a million people through its doors. Its education program has served over 12,000 students from 35

different schools with school-time performances and residencies. The Mahaiwe generates in excess of \$1,000,000 in ticket revenue from 150 events each year, while contributing over \$4,000,000 in regional economic impact from the theater's direct spending and audience's restaurant, lodging, and shopping activities.