



Montclair Film Announces Benefit Event Featuring Stephen Colbert and Samantha Bee

“SAD!: A Happy Evening With Stephen Colbert and Samantha Bee,” Montclair Film’s 7th Annual Benefit, to be held on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center

September 11, 2017, Montclair, NJ— Montclair Film today announced that Stephen Colbert, host of CBS’ “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert,” will host an evening with Samantha Bee, host of TBS’s “Full Frontal With Samantha Bee” on stage at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in downtown Newark, NJ on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 8:00 PM. The evening, titled “SAD! A Happy Evening With Stephen Colbert and Samantha Bee,” will feature the pair in an hilarious, on-stage exchange on everything from their comic influences to politics, entertainment, and beyond.

Tickets begin at \$89.50 and will go on sale Tuesday, September 12 at 10:00 AM to Montclair Film members. American Express members will receive pre-sale access on Wednesday, September 13 at 10:00 AM, with public ticket sales beginning on Friday, September 15 at 10:00 AM. Public tickets will be available by telephone at 1-888-GO-NJPAC (1-888-466-5722), at the NJPAC Box Office at One Center Street in downtown Newark, and online at www.njpac.org and ticketmaster.com. You can follow the evening’s proceedings on social media platforms with the hashtag **#SadHappy17**

Additionally, Montclair Film has partnered with Charitybuzz to offer a once-in-a-lifetime experience, including a luxury box at the event for four guests, an invitation to a pre-show cocktail party, VIP tickets to *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert* and *Full Frontal With Samantha Bee*, a post-show meet-and-greet with photos, and the opportunity to join Stephen Colbert and Samantha Bee on stage

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at the event for a fun, live Trivia Quiz. Visit CharityBuzz.com for full details.

All proceeds from this special evening will benefit Montclair Film, a 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization that hosts the annual Montclair Film Festival (April 27 - May 6, 2018), as well as year-round cinema, film education, and community programs that reach over 30,000 patrons a year. This event is made possible with generous support from NorthJersey.com.

“Samantha Bee and Stephen Colbert joining forces to make us laugh is a dream come true,” said Montclair Film Executive Director Tom Hall. “This event provides our non-profit organization with vital support that allows us to deliver much-needed film, media literacy, and education programs to our patrons and students, and we are so honored and incredibly grateful to Stephen, Samantha, and our friends at NJPAC and NorthJersey.com for their generosity in making this event possible. It is going to be a great evening.”

“The Arts Center is already swept up in the fun of hosting what’s sure to be the historic and hysterical reunion of Stephen Colbert and Samantha Bee, the two longest-running correspondents on *The Daily Show*,” said John Schreiber, President and CEO of NJPAC. “They’re like the Woodward and Bernstein of late-night political comedy, and we’re thrilled to shine a light on *them*.”

PRESS NOTE

Approved images, full bios, and press materials for this event can be downloaded for use at:

<http://bit.ly/ColbertBeeMontclairPressMaterials>

ABOUT SAMANTHA BEE

Samantha Bee has quickly established herself as having one of the most unique and sharp comedic voices on television with her late-night show Full

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Frontal with Samantha Bee. Born and raised in Toronto, Canada, Bee began her career performing as a member of the all-female sketch comedy troupe The Atomic Fireballs. In 2003, Bee joined Comedy Central's The Daily Show's "Best F#@king News Team." Bee departed The Daily Show in 2015 and currently holds the title for being the longest-serving regular Daily Show correspondent of all time (12 years). Additionally, during her time at The Daily Show, Bee was the sole female correspondent from 2006 until 2008. Bee hosted the wildly successful "Not The White House Correspondents Dinner" on April 29, 2017, the evening of the traditional White House Correspondents Dinner. Her event celebrated a free and open press under the Trump administration, which was presented on TBS. The special was nominated for four primetime Emmy Awards, including "Outstanding Variety Special."

In 2016, Bee received global recognition from the success of her very own weekly late night comedy series, Full Frontal with Samantha Bee, which premiered Monday, February 8, 2016 on TBS. Full Frontal offers a unique satirical take on weekly news and explores other important stories in-depth that have been largely overlooked by more traditional media outlets. Full Frontal received rave reviews, and the show was picked up by TBS for a full season within weeks of its premiere, and renewed for a second season. The show received its own nomination in both 2016 and 2017 in the category of "Outstanding News and Information" from the Television Critics Association. She and the show were also nominated for three Primetime Emmy's in 2017, including "Outstanding Variety Talk Series" and "Outstanding Writing For A Variety Series," for which the show also received a nomination in 2016. She is currently writing a middle-grade novel for Farrar Straus Giroux.

ABOUT STEPHEN COLBERT

Emmy and Peabody Award-winning host Stephen Colbert took over as host of CBS's THE LATE SHOW on September 8, 2015. Best known for his Comedy Central show, "The Colbert Report," Colbert is also a best-selling author and accomplished actor, writer, producer and comedian. On Sunday, September 17, 2017 Colbert will host the 69th Annual Primetime

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Emmy Awards on the Network. THE LATE SHOW received three Emmy nominations for Outstanding Variety Series, Outstanding Writing for a Variety Series and Outstanding Directing for a Variety Series. In addition to the three nominations for THE LATE SHOW, Colbert and his staff also received three nominations for the live election night special he hosted on SHOWTIME.

From its debut, “The Colbert Report” was a critical and cultural success, winning two Peabody Awards and earning 37 Emmy Award nominations. The series won the Emmy for Outstanding Writing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Program in 2008, 2010, 2013 and 2014. Prior to hosting “The Colbert Report,” Colbert spent eight years as the longest-tenured correspondent on “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.” THE LATE SHOW has carried on this success, earning a nomination for a 2016 Writers Guild Award for Outstanding Comedy/Variety Talk Series. Raised in South Carolina, Colbert currently lives in New Jersey with his wife and three children. Follow him on Twitter @StephenAtHome.

ABOUT MONTCLAIR FILM

Montclair Film, a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, engages, educates and entertains through the power of film and visual storytelling. The seventh annual Montclair Film Festival will take place from April 27 through May 6, 2018. Montclair Film’s year-round and festival programming is made possible through generous support from Investors Bank; Audible; Hackensack Meridian Health; the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey; Ashenfelter, Slous, McDonough, Golia & Trevenen, LLP; Chubb; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; and William H. Connolly & Co., and others. Our programs are made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism and New Jersey State Council on the Arts. For information about Montclair Film, visit www.montclairfilm.org



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About NJPAC

New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), located in downtown Newark, N.J., is America's most diverse performing arts center, and the artistic, cultural, educational and civic center of New Jersey – where great performances and events enhance and transform lives every day. NJPAC brings diverse communities together, providing access to all and showcasing the state's and the world's best artists while acting as a leading catalyst in the revitalization of its home city. Through its extensive Arts Education programs, NJPAC is shaping the next generation of artists and arts enthusiasts. NJPAC has attracted nearly 10 million visitors (including over 1.5 million children) since opening its doors in 1997, and nurtures meaningful and lasting relationships with each of its constituents.

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