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JON BATISTE JOINS MONTCLAIR FILM'S '70's MIXTAPE LINEUP

***The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* Bandleader to perform, joining Stephen Colbert, Patrick Wilson and Warren Zanes for Montclair Film Fundraiser**

Montclair Film's February StorySlam theme, *Oops! I Did It Again!*, announced, tickets on sale now!

JANUARY 30, 2018, MONTCLAIR, NJ - Montclair Film announced today that singer-songwriter Jon Batiste, leader of Stay Human, the house band on *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*, will perform at Montclair Film's '70s Mixtape Dance Party on February 24 at 8:00 PM at The Wellmont Theater in Montclair, NJ. Jon Batiste joins Stephen Colbert, Patrick Wilson, and Warren Zanes on the roster, which features The Loser's Lounge playing dancefloor hits of the 1970's.

The event features three ticketing levels, including a \$200 VIP Experience, with dance floor access, a pre-show reception catered by Events by Joni and featuring fun culinary creations from the 1970's era and complimentary beverages throughout the event, a \$100 Dance Floor Experience featuring dance floor access and two complimentary beverages, and a \$30 Concert Experience, with General Admission seating in the balcony. The party also features a giant Boom Box sculpture for photography, created by local artist Shaun Killman.

Additionally, Montclair Film announced their second StorySlam theme, ***Oops! I Did It Again!*** for the February StorySlam event, will taking place at 7:30 PM on Saturday, February 17th at Cinema505, located at 505 Bloomfield Avenue in downtown Montclair. Storytellers may pre-register by purchasing a "Storyteller" ticket, indicating their desire to

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tell a story at the event, by visiting montclairfilm.org. The evening will once again feature music from our house band The Tall Pines and will be hosted by Risa Barash.

The March StorySlam will be held on March 24th, as well as a special Slam My Story! series High Schoolers for that premieres on March 18th, with winners from each event invited to participate in a special program of storytelling presented at the Wellmont Theater on Saturday, April 28th at the 2018 Montclair Film Festival. The Slam My Story! youth program is funded in part by a grant from Partners for Health.

Tickets for all events are available at montclairfilm.org

ABOUT JON BATISTE

Jon Batiste is an internationally acclaimed musician, bandleader and composer. As an educator and television personality, he spreads his unbridled optimism coupled with a profound understanding of the arts. Born into a long lineage of New Orleans musicians, Batiste is a graduate of The Juilliard School with a Master's degree. After graduating, he toured globally with his band *Stay Human* and currently appears nightly on national television as the bandleader and musical director on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. Jon is a Forbes 30 under 30 honoree, Musical Director for The Atlantic and Creative Director of the National Jazz Museum in Harlem. He balances a demanding performance schedule with speaking engagements, curating events, occasional acting and producing opportunities, all while relentlessly composing new music. His latest album "Social Music," spent over a month atop the Billboard and iTunes jazz charts as the #1 jazz album in the world. Jon is also a coveted brand ambassador – featured in campaigns for Chase, Apple, Lincoln and numerous fashion brands including Ralph Lauren, Barney's, Nordstrom and H&M. He has worked with Annie Leibowitz and his personal style has been profiled in numerous fashion publications including GQ, Vanity Fair and Vogue. Jon's mission is to share his faith, hope and love with the world around him.

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ABOUT MONTCLAIR FILM

Montclair Film, a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, nurtures and showcases the talents of filmmakers from around the region and world. Montclair Film unites, empowers, educates, and celebrates our region's diverse cultural heritage and robust artistic community by presenting engaging programs and events all year long. 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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