



Montclair Film Announces 8th Annual Benefit Event Featuring Stephen Colbert and Meryl Streep

An Evening With Stephen Colbert and Meryl Streep to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)

September 24, 2018, Montclair, NJ— Montclair Film, New Jersey’s leading film non-profit, today announced that Stephen Colbert, host of CBS’ “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert,” will host an evening with three-time Academy Award® winner Meryl Streep, on stage at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in downtown Newark, NJ on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 8:00 PM.

Tickets begin at \$79.50 and will go on sale Tuesday, September 25 at 10:00 AM to Montclair Film members. American Express members will receive pre-sale access on Wednesday, September 26 at 10:00 AM, with public ticket sales beginning on Friday, September 28 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.

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 (May 3- May 12, 2019), as well as year-round film education, cinema, and community programs that reach over 43,000 patrons a year. This event is made possible with generous support from northjersey.com.

“Meryl Streep is one of the greatest film artists of our time and to have her join Stephen Colbert onstage is an extraordinary gift,” said Montclair Film Executive Director Tom Hall. “This event provides our non-profit organization with vital support that allows us to deliver world class film, media literacy, and education programs to our patrons and students. We’re

so grateful to Stephen, Meryl, and our friends at NJPAC and NorthJersey.com for their generosity in making this event possible. It is going to be an unforgettable evening.”

“This unique event is a double homecoming for NJPAC. We’re happy to welcome back our friends and partners at Montclair Film, as well as this year’s special guest, New Jersey daughter Meryl Streep,” said John Schreiber, President and CEO of NJPAC. “Meryl Streep is a magnificent dramatic actress, but she’ll also be a great comedic foil to Stephen Colbert. I know the two of them will have a lot of spontaneous fun in Prudential Hall and so will 2,800 of their biggest fans.”

“We are pleased to once again support Montclair Film as a sponsor for this special fundraising event,” said USA Today Network Regional President Tom Donovan. “Montclair is an integral part of northjersey.com’s coverage area and Montclair Film’s engaging programs contribute to the cultural fabric of the community.”

PRESS NOTE

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

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ABOUT MERYL STREEP

For almost 40 years, **Meryl Streep** has portrayed an astonishing array of characters in a career that has cut its own unique path from the theater through film and television.

Ms. Streep was educated in the New Jersey public school system through high school, graduated cum laude from Vassar College, and received her MFA with honors from Yale University in 1975. She began her professional life on the New York stage, where she quickly established her signature versatility and verve as an actor. Within three years of graduation, she made her Broadway debut, won an Emmy (for Holocaust) and received her first Oscar nomination (for The Deer Hunter). She has won three Academy Awards and in 2018, in a record that is unsurpassed, she earned a 21st Academy Award nomination for her role in The Post. Her performance also earned her Best Actress nominations for the Golden Globes and Critics’ Choice Awards.

Ms. Streep has pursued her interest in the environment through her work

with Mothers and Others, a consumer advocacy group that she co-founded in 1989. M&O worked for ten years to promote sustainable agriculture, establish new pesticide regulations, and ensure the availability of organic and sustainably grown local foods. Ms. Streep also lends her efforts to Women for Women International, the Committee to Protect Journalists, Donor Direct Action, Women in the World Foundation, and Partners in Health.

She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and has been accorded a Commandeur de L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French Government and an honorary César. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Film Institute, a 2008 honor from the Film Society of Lincoln Center, and the 2010 National Medal of Arts from President Obama. In 2011, Ms. Streep received a Kennedy Center Honor, and in 2014 the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She holds honorary doctorates from Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Dartmouth, and Indiana Universities, the University of New Hampshire, Lafayette, Middlebury, and the Barnard College medal.

Her husband, artist Don Gummer, and she are the parents of a son and three daughters.

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. For the second year in a row, THE LATE SHOW has earned Emmy Nominations for Outstanding Variety Talk Series, Outstanding Writing for a Variety Series and Outstanding Directing for a Variety Series. In 2017, Colbert hosted the Emmy ceremony and also received three nominations for the live election night special which aired 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.

Colbert began his career in television after graduating from Northwestern University and joining Chicago's famed Second City improv troupe. It was there he met Amy Sedaris and Paul Dinello, with whom he created and starred in the half-hour sketch comedy series "Exit 57." The trio went on to create the live-action narrative series and cult hit "Strangers with Candy." Also, Colbert was a cast member and writer for the variety series "The Dana Carvey Show" and a writer for "Saturday Night Live." His television acting credits include guest roles on "The Mindy Project," "House of Cards," "The Office," "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and "Law and Order: Criminal Intent." Colbert is the Executive Producer of OUR CARTOON PRESIDENT, the half-hour animated series centered on the Trump White House, which premiered February 11th, 2018.

A celebrated author, Colbert contributed to "America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction," which topped "The New York Times" Bestseller List for 15 consecutive weeks. His first solo book, "I Am America (And So Can You!)," spent 29 weeks on "The New York Times" Bestseller List in 2007, debuting and occupying the #1 spot for 13 weeks. His second book, "America Again: Re-Becoming The Greatness We Never Weren't," released in October 2012, spent 17 consecutive weeks on "The New York Times" Bestseller List and earned him a Grammy Award in 2014 in the category of Best Spoken Word Album for the audiobook. In May 2012, Colbert released his first children's book, "I Am A Pole (And So Can You!)." Also, he co-authored the critically acclaimed book "Wigfield." In September 2017, Simon & Schuster (a division of CBS Corporation) released "Stephen Colbert's Midnight Confessions," a book and audio edition based on Colbert's popular "Midnight Confessions" segment on THE LATE SHOW.

In 2010, Colbert received three Emmy Award nominations and won a Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album for "A Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All!," the album from his one-hour musical holiday special on "The Colbert Report." In 2011, Colbert starred as Harry in the New York Philharmonic's presentation of Stephen Sondheim's "Company." More than an entertainer, Colbert has drawn on his comedic talents to impact culture in extraordinary ways over the past decade. In 2011, he was granted permission by the Federal Election Committee to organize his own Political Action Committee, "Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow." In 2009, "The Colbert Report" traveled to Iraq on a USO Tour titled "Operation Iraqi Stephen: Going Commando" to tape and perform shows in front of the troops, becoming the first television show in USO history to produce a full week of shows in a combat zone. In 2007, he

launched a brief presidential bid but withdrew after being denied a place on the ballot of the South Carolina Democratic Party. The success of “The Colbert Report” has allowed Colbert to lend his name to things such as a Ben & Jerry’s ice cream flavor, Americone Dream; a Virgin America jet, Air Colbert; and a NASA treadmill called the Combined Operational Load Bearing External Resistance Treadmill (C.O.L.B.E.R.T.). Colbert Nation sponsored the U.S. Speed Skating team for the 2010 Olympics.

Raised in South Carolina, Colbert currently lives in New Jersey with his wife and three children. His birthday is May 13. Follow him on Twitter @StephenAtHome.

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 eighth annual Montclair Film Festival will take place from May 3-12, 2019. 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, Trembulak, McDonough, Golia & Trevenen, LLP; Chubb; Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; William H. Connolly & Co.; The Nature Conservancy, and others. Our programs are made possible by funds from the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism, as well as the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for 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 1.6 million children) since opening its doors in 1997, and nurtures meaningful and lasting relationships with each of its constituents.

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