



## The Madison Square Garden Company Announces the Return of Garden of Laughs

November 27, 2018

**A NIGHT OF STAND-UP COMEDY  
TO BENEFIT THE GARDEN OF DREAMS FOUNDATION  
WITH PERFORMANCES BY JERRY SEINFELD ALONG WITH BILL BURR, MICHAEL CHE, TIFFANY HADDISH, JOHN MULANEY, BRIAN  
REGAN AND JON STEWART**

**HOSTED BY STEVE SCHIRRIPIA  
WITH ADDITIONAL CELEBRITY PRESENTERS TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**THE HULU THEATER AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 AT 8:00 PM**

**Tickets On Sale Tuesday, November 27 at 12:00PM**

NEW YORK, Nov. 27, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Madison Square Garden Company (NYSE: MSG) and the Garden of Dreams Foundation are proud to announce the return of *Garden of Laughs* – the successful bi-annual all-star comedy benefit that has raised nearly \$5 million for the charity since its inception. This year's show, hosted by Steve Schirripa, will include performances by Jerry Seinfeld along with Bill Burr, Michael Che, Tiffany Haddish, John Mulaney, Brian Regan and Jon Stewart, will take place at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 8:00 p.m., with all net proceeds going directly to Garden of Dreams.

"I've worked with Garden of Dreams many times, I've met the kids and participated in events with them," said Che. "And to now be able to support these kids by telling jokes with this all-star lineup is something I'm really looking forward to."

Garden of Laughs will be hosted by Steve Schirripa, a long-time supporter and member of the Garden of Dreams Foundation advisory board, who is currently starring in "Blue Bloods" and best known for his role as Bobby Bacala in "The Sopranos." Joining Schirripa and the celebrated comedic lineup will be an esteemed list of entertainment and sports icons who will serve as presenters for this special evening, to be announced as we get closer to the show.

"I am honored to return as host of my favorite comedy event, *Garden of Laughs*, for the third time," said Mr. Schirripa. "I have seen the tremendous impact the Garden of Dreams Foundation has on the children and families it serves, and I can't think of a better organization to support with a fun night out to see the most outstanding comics in the game today."

The Garden of Dreams Foundation is a non-profit organization that works with The Madison Square Garden Company and MSG Networks, Inc. to positively impact the lives of children facing obstacles. The Foundation works with 30 partner organizations throughout the tri-state area, including hospitals, wish organizations and community-based organizations, to reach children who are facing challenges such as homelessness, extreme poverty, illness and foster care.

Since it began in 2006, Garden of Dreams has used the magic of MSG and MSG Networks – including the Knicks, Rangers, Liberty, Rockettes, famed showplaces and two sports and entertainment networks – to brighten the lives of more than 375,000 children and their families. The Foundation takes pride in its commitment to truly change lives, hosting more than 500 events and programs each year.

In addition, through its Garden of Dreams Giving program, the Foundation provides grants that fund important projects such as the refurbishment of gymnasiums and pediatric areas at local hospitals, and the construction of new dance and music studios. The Foundation also meets the critical needs of college-bound high school seniors by providing four-year scholarships to help students achieve their educational goals.

The 2013, 2015 and 2017 *Garden of Laughs* events were all sold-out, raising nearly \$5 million between them – making *Garden of Laughs* the most successful fundraiser for the Foundation in its over decade-long history. The inaugural event was hosted by Bob Costas and featured comedians Ray Romano, Wanda Sykes, Robert Klein, Brian Regan, Darrell Hammond and Adam Ferrara. The 2015 and 2017 events were both hosted by Steve Schirripa. The 2015 *Garden of Laughs* featured comedy stars Lewis Black, Bill Burr, Dane Cook, Billy Gardell and John Oliver and the 2017 event featured Leslie Jones, Sebastian Maniscalco, Tracy Morgan, John Oliver, Chris Rock, Bob Saget and Jerry Seinfeld.

All three events featured a full lineup of celebrity presenters, including Uzo Aduba, Will Arnett, Steve Buscemi, Victor Cruz, Michael J. Fox, John Leguizamo, Norman Reedus, Susan Sarandon, Brooke Shields, Ben Stiller and Garden of Dreams board members Whoopi Goldberg and Darryl "DMC" McDaniels.

*Garden of Laughs* is Executive Produced by Emmy Award-winning television producer and talent manager Rory Rosegarten.

The Children's Cancer Institute at Hackensack University Medical Center and the Tackle Kids Cancer program, one of the Foundation's long-standing partner organizations, is a key supporting partner of *Garden of Laughs*.

Ticket prices for *Garden of Laughs* range from \$70-\$395 with a select number of VIP packages available. For tickets and more information on *Garden of Laughs* and the VIP packages, please visit [www.gardenoflaughs.com](http://www.gardenoflaughs.com). Public on sale begins Tuesday, November 27 at 12:00PM and will be available through Ticketmaster Charge By Phone (1-866-858-0008) and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets will also be available at the box offices at Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall and the Beacon Theatre beginning on Wednesday, November 28.

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