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Tony-Winning *Fiddler on the Roof* Creator Sheldon Harnick Will Be Honored by Dramatists Guild Foundation



Sheldon Harnick Joan Marcus

The Dramatists Guild Foundation will honor Tony-winning writer, lyricist, and composer **Sheldon Harnick** at its annual DGF Gala November 12 at Manhattan Center.

The evening will also shine a light on two patrons of the arts: Estée Lauder Companies' Executive Group President John Demsey and Chairman of Douglas Elliman's Retail Group Faith Hope Consolo.

This year's theme is *First Look*, providing guests an early glimpse of performances from recent and upcoming productions. Performances and appearances by the cast and creatives of *Dave*, *Be More Chill*, *The Lifespan of a Fact*, *Jagged Little Pill*, and *The Prom* will be showcased with additional performers, host, and participants to be announced at a later date.

"These three honorees have left their mark on theater and the arts in myriad ways. Personally speaking, as both a writer and President of DGF, Sheldon's impact on my life has been immense," said **Andrew Lipka**, president of DGF, in a statement. "It is a privilege to honor them all at our Gala in November."

Harnick, who was born in Chicago in 1924, wrote his first song for Broadway in 1952. His collaboration with composer **Jerry Bock** produced such classics as *Fiorello!* (1959), which won both a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, and *Fiddler on the Roof* (1964), which won the Tony for Best Musical.

The Dramatists Guild Foundation supports the future of American theatre by supporting the writers who create it. DGF's programs and initiatives help propel playwrights, composers, lyricists, and book writers to their full potential by providing arts education and resources across the country.

For tickets **click here** or call (212) 878-6646.