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Kate Baldwin Will Host Dramatists Guild Foundation Gala Honoring *Fiddler* Creator Sheldon Harnick

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The November 12 gala will also feature Alan Cumming, Josh Lamon, Matthew Sklar, Eisa Davis, George Salazar, Elizabeth Stanley, and more.



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The Dramatists Guild Foundation will honor Tony-winning writer, lyricist, and composer Sheldon Harnick at its annual DGF Gala November 12 at Manhattan Center. *Hello, Dolly!* Tony nominee Kate Baldwin will host.



Sheldon Harnick Marc J. Franklin

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. Attendees can expect performances or appearances by Alan Cumming; Anthony Wilkinson, Josh Lamon, Matthew Sklar (composer), and Chad Beguelin (bookwriter) of *The Prom*. Eisa Davis of *The Secret Life of Bees*; Jai'len Josey of *SpongeBob SquarePants*; Elizabeth Stanley of *Jagged Little Pill*; *Be More Chill* composer Joe Iconis and performers George Salazar and Jason 'SweetTooth' Williams; *Next to Normal* composer Tom Kitt; and more.

"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 Lippa, 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 to DGF's 2018 Gala, please visit: <https://dgf.org/events/gala/>, email: dgf@total-managment.com, or call: 212-878-6646.