

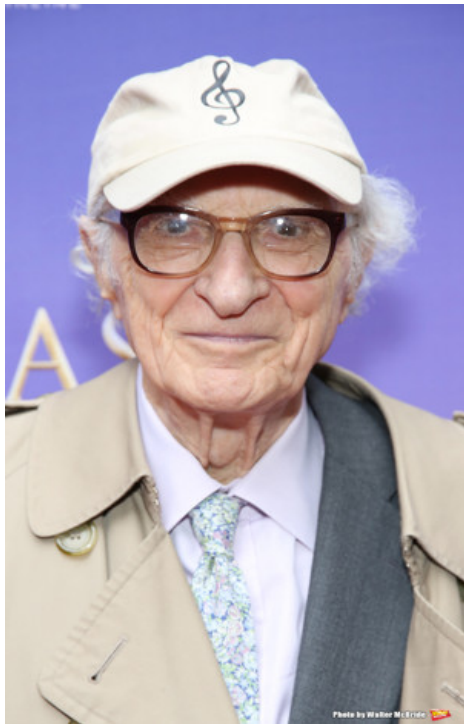


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Dramatists Guild Foundation to Honor Sheldon Harnick At Gala

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The Dramatists Guild Foundation (DGF) will honor writer, lyricist and composer Sheldon Harnick at their annual DGF Gala on Monday, November 12 at Manhattan Center in NYC.

In addition to celebrating one of American theater's most-beloved creators, the evening will shine a light on two esteemed patrons of the arts: Estée Lauder Companies' Executive Group President John Demsey and Chairman of Douglas Elliman's Retail Group Faith Hope Consolo.

DGF's annual Gala celebrates artists and honors patrons of the American theater community in gratitude of their continued support of emerging writers and creators.

This year's theme is First Look, providing guests an early glimpse of performances from recently- and soon-to-be-opened musicals and plays. 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 Gala 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. "It is a privilege to honor them all at our Gala in November."

2018 DGF Gala Honoree, Estée Lauder Companies' Executive Group President John Demsey also serves as M·A·C Cosmetics Brand President and as Chairman of the M·A·C AIDS Fund, fostering relationships between the M·A·C Cosmetics artist relations team and the Broadway community.

Partnering on a variety of productions, Demsey has successfully integrated M·A·C Cosmetics' involvement in productions such as *Wicked*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Grease*, *Follies*, *Into the Woods*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *On the Town*, *The Wild Party*, *Sweet Charity*, *Torch Song*, *Anastasia*, *Beautiful*, *Summer*, and *SpongeBob SquarePants*.

Heralding the organization's efforts, Demsey stated, "Thanks to The Dramatists Guild Foundation's spectacular work with writers, we ensure the development of new narrative to evolve and enrich our cultural landscape."

On the importance and impact of the Dramatists Guild Foundation, 2018 DGF Gala Honoree Faith Hope Consolo stated, "In my life and career, I have had the chance to be a part of many thrilling stories. I support DGF because they are helping talented writers across the country expand our sense of what's possible in the world."

"We are so lucky to have honorees who not only lead their industries but are leaders in giving back," said Rachel Routh, Executive Director of DGF. "We applaud Faith, John, and Sheldon for their generosity and support of the artists who inspire us."

The Dramatists Guild Foundation supports the future of American theater 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.