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Alan Cumming & Kate Baldwin Set To Appear At The Dramatists Guild Foundation Gala

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The **Dramatists Guild Foundation (DGF)** has announced critically acclaimed performers for its annual **Dramatists Guild Foundation Gala** on **Monday, November 12** at the Manhattan Center in NYC.

The fundraising evening will be hosted by **Kate Baldwin** featuring special performances and appearances by **Alan Cumming; Anthony Wilkinson, Josh Lamon, Matthew Sklar** (composer) and **Chad Beguelin** (book writer) 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**; *Head Over Heels* composer **Tom Kitt**; and more.

2018 DGF Honorees include three-time Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, lyricist and composer **Sheldon Harnick** and 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**.

"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 Lipppa**, President of DGF. "It is a privilege to honor them all at our Gala in November."



Alan Cumming

This year's DGF Gala theme is **First Look**, providing guests an early glimpse of recently and soon-to-be released musicals and plays including **BE MORE CHILL, JAGGED LITTLE PILL, THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES** and **THE PROM**. Additional Gala performers, host, and participants to be announced at a later date.

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/>.

For more information about the Dramatists Guild Foundation, please visit: www.dgf.org