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Slate and The Second City's Live, Political Comedy Show Playing at The Hanover Theatre This Fall



Worcester, Mass. (April 18, 2016) Slate, the daily web magazine that seeks to explain and analyze the world in a provocative, witty and intelligent way, partners with renowned Chicago-based comedy theater The Second City to produce a traveling, election-themed live political comedy show, *Unelectable You*, playing at The Hanover Theatre on Sunday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

In addition to the talents of The Second City, the legendary institution that continues to incubate America's best comedic talent for more than fifty years, the Slate/Second City collaboration incorporates Slate writers and personalities into each show. Comprising both scripted and improvisational portions, *Unelectable You* explores topics such as campaign trail scandals, what makes a candidate "electable," how voters consume political news and much more.

The *Unelectable You* creative team includes veteran Second City director Matt Hovde and writers Steve Waltien, Tyler Alexander, Billy Bungeroth, Marla Caceres, Ed Furman, Scott Morehead, Carley Moseley and John Thibodeaux. The design team includes William Boles (set), Heather Gilbert (lighting), Jesse Case (sound and composition), Mike Tutaj (projections) and Raquel Adorno (costumes).

"As countless runners up have learned, being qualified is not the same as being 'electable,' says Hovde. "*Unelectable You* is a shout out to the fractured and confusing process we have of choosing a leader, as viewed through the lenses of Slate and Second City."

"Over 20 years, covering six presidential elections, Slate has always been just as interested in the comedy of the campaign trail as in its drama," says Dan Kois, Slate's culture editor. "We're thrilled to work with a troupe as skilled, smart and passionate as The Second City to give our readers and podcast fans a brand new live-show experience full of the full-throated commentary they love."

Tickets to *Unelectable You* start at \$34. Discounts are available to members of The Hanover Theatre and groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available online at TheHanoverTheatre.org, by

phone at 877.571.SHOW (7469) or at The Hanover Theatre box office located at 2 Southbridge Street in downtown Worcester. To learn more about the show, visit www.unelectableyou.com.

About Slate

Slate is a daily magazine on the Web that offers analysis and commentary about news, politics, culture, business, law and technology. *Slate's* strong editorial voice and witty take on current events have been recognized with numerous awards, including the National Magazine Award for General Excellence Online and the Missouri Honor Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism. Reaching 24 million unique visitors per month, *Slate* is a division of Graham Holdings Company. For more information about Slate, visit www.slate.com.

About The Second City

Beginning as a small cabaret theater on Chicago's north side in 1959, The Second City has grown to become a comedy empire, building a robust \$55+ million business based on its core improvisational methodologies. Resident theaters in Chicago and Toronto create topical sketch comedy revues that satirize politics, culture and news of the day. Additionally, Second City performs thousands of shows each year in regional theaters, colleges and performing arts centers. Beyond its stages, The Second City created the foremost school of improvisation-based arts in the world with training facilities in Chicago, Toronto and Los Angeles that currently enrolls over 11,000 students annually; a corporate division that works with hundreds of Fortune 500 companies in areas of training, marketing, entertainment and brand services; and The Second City's forays into television and new media include the classic, Emmy Award-winning comedy series *SCTV* and continues to produce new content and programming.

About The Hanover Theatre

The Hanover Theatre continues to draw over 180,000 patrons annually with world-class performances and headlining acts including Broadway hits ("Les Misérables," "Jersey Boys"); comedians (Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno, Daniel Tosh); musical acts (Neil Young, Aretha Franklin, John Legend, Donny Osmond); and everything in between ("A Christmas Carol," Maya Angelou, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre). Consistently ranked by POLLSTAR as one of the Top Theatres in the World, the theatre opened in March of 2008 following a \$32 million historic renovation. Over the last eight seasons, the theatre has established its place as a world-class performing arts venue, acting as a catalyst for the economic development of downtown Worcester. In the spring of 2015, the theatre finalized the purchase of a vacant, three-floor former office building with street-level retail space at 551 Main Street. The building houses office space for theatre administration, function areas, a restaurant on the ground floor and a performing arts conservatory on the lower level. The building opens June 2, 2016.

Worcester Center for Performing Arts, a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, owns and operates The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.