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PAULA POUNDSTONE

From the #1 rated NPR show, “Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me”

McCALLUM THEATRE

Sunday – November 5 – 7:00pm

Palm Desert, CA – The McCallum Theatre presents Paula Poundstone, from the #1 rated NPR show, “Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me” on Sunday, November 5, at 7:00pm.

Paula’s wry observations spark impromptu dialogue and guarantee riotous laughter. Armed with nothing but a stool, a microphone and a can of Diet Pepsi, Paula can find the hilarious angle of almost any subject, from the absurdity of the political world to the deviousness of housecats, and deliver it with a casual air, impeccable timing and razor-sharp wit.

Fresh on the heels of the release of her hilarious new book, *The Totally Unscientific Study of The Search For Human Happiness* (available now wherever books, ebooks and audio books are sold), comedian Paula Poundstone is entertaining audiences around the country and leaving them complaining that their cheeks hurt from laughter and wondering if the random people she talks to are plants. Of course, they never are.

Seven years in the writing, Paula’s new book climbed to #1 on the Amazon Best Sellers list for Humor CDs and landed in the Top 10 on the Best Sellers Humor Hardcover list on its first day of release, all the while garnering great reviews. Kirkus, one of the most notable pre-review sources in the industry, called the book “A deeply revealing memoir in which the pathos doesn’t kill the humor – delivers more than it promises.” Tony and Emmy Award-winner Lily Tomlin described the book as “A remarkable journey. I laughed. I cried. I got another cat.”

Paula can be heard regularly on NPR’s #1 show, the Peabody-award winning weekly comedy news quiz “Wait, Wait...Don’t Tell Me!” When asked about Paula, “Wait, Wait” host Peter Sagal replied, “Paula Poundstone is the funniest human being I have ever known. Everything she does, thinks, or says is hilarious. She is made of funny. If you chopped her into bits, each piece would be hilarious. (But don’t.) Air becomes funny having been breathed by her.”

In addition to her regular appearances on “Wait, Wait,” Paula launched her own, brand-new weekly podcast – “Live From The Poundstone Institute” – which premiered in June 2017. Joined by a live and lively audience, Paula takes on the research studies that are so odd they just beg for someone to stand up and say “wait, what?!” The podcast is being produced by NPR and is recorded in Los Angeles.

On stage, Paula is known for her casual style, smart, observational humor, and a razor sharp spontaneous wit that has become the stuff of legend. Garrison Keillor described her as “the bravest and best improv comic of our time.”

A star of several HBO specials and her own series on ABC and HBO, Paula was the first woman to share the dais with the President and perform standup comedy at the White House Correspondents Dinner in its then 72-year history. She is included in Comedy Central’s list of the 100 Best Standup Comics of All Time, and is an American Comedy Award-winner for Best Female Standup Comic.

Visit her website at www.paulapoundstone.com, twitter.com/paulapoundstone, and facebook.com/paulapoundstone

Tickets for this performance of Paula Poundstone on Sunday, November 5, at 7:00pm are priced at \$47, \$37, \$27 and \$22. Tickets are available at the Theatre’s website at www.mccallumtheatre.com or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-ARTS. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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