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***“Mystery Science Theater 3000” Stars Bring Live Movie-Riffing to Weinberg***

FREDERICK, Md., Monday, November 6, 2017 — “Mystery Science Theater 3000” madmen Frank Conniff and Trace Beaulieu will take the stage at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on Saturday, November 18 for live comedic riffing in the style of their Peabody award-winning television series. The films – the titles of which will be revealed day-of – will screen at 3pm and 8pm, to be followed by free meet-and-greets with Conniff and Beaulieu.

Tickets are \$20 for one film or \$30 for both, in advance; \$27 for one film or \$45 for both, day-of. Tickets may be purchased online at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org), by calling the Box Office at 301.600.2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick St. Discounts are available for students, children, military, and seniors.

Frank Conniff is a comedy writer and performer who began his TV career writing for the Comedy Central series “Mystery Science Theater 3000,” where he also played TV’s Frank, the bumbling yet lovable mad scientist sidekick. He then went on to become a writer, producer and actor on the ABC series “Sabrina the Teenage Witch” and a writer and producer on “The Drew Carey Show,” “The New Tom Green Show,” and “O2BE” on the Oxygen Network. Conniff was head writer of the animated Nickelodeon series “Invader Zim,” and was a writer and producer for the Air America Radio network, where he provided material for on-air personalities Rachel Maddow, Marc Maron, Lizz Winstead, Al Franken, Janeane Garofalo, and Randi Rhodes. He has written and performed for “Viewpoint” with John Fugelsang on Current TV, and for “Totally Biased” with W. Kamau Bell on the FXX network. Conniff writes and performs on “The Jimmy Dore Show” on Pacifica Radio and can be heard on the Sirius XM radio show “Tell Me Everything.”

Trace Beaulieu is a founding member “Mystery Science Theater 3000.” In addition to writing, directing, designing, and building sets and props, Beaulieu performed the puppet character Crow T. Robot, and mad scientist Dr. Clayton Forrester. He repeated these roles in the 1996 film version of the show. Beaulieu wrote for ABC’s “America’s Funniest Videos” for nine seasons. He played a recurring character on “Freak and Geeks,” and has had cameo appearances on “The West Wing” and “Arrested Development.” His most recent acting work includes “Other Space,” “Vermin,” and “Hidden America.” His voice can be heard on the upcoming Adult Swim series “Tigtone.” Beaulieu and Conniff, along with comic Carolina Hidalgo, can be heard weekly on the podcast, “Movie Sign with the Mads.”

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2017-2018 season can be found at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org).

## **ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region's premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick, Md., the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made possible with major support from the City of Frederick, the Maryland State Arts Council, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, and other corporate and individual donors.

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