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## KATHLEEN MADIGAN BRINGS THE "BOTHERING JESUS TOUR" TO PARKER PLAYHOUSE

**FORT LAUDERDALE –** Winner of the American Comedy Award for Best Female Comedian, **Kathleen Madigan** brings the "Bothering Jesus Tour" to Parker Playhouse on Friday, January 20 at 8 p.m. The appearance has been underwritten by an anonymous donor to the "Playing Favorites" campaign which benefits the Broward Performing Arts Foundation.

Madigan has performed as a frequent guest on late night television while her stand-up routine, in which she takes on politics, family and American culture, has left audiences howling for over 25 years. With her trademark sharp wit and wry observations, she has been called "the funniest woman in America" by Lewis Black and "one of the best comics alive" by Ron White.

Netflix premiered Madigan's latest television special, "Bothering Jesus," in September 2016. In 2014, she was nominated for an American Comedy Award for Best Concert Comic and her third one-hour special, *Madigan Again*, was named one of iTunes Best Comedy Albums. Madigan has also starred in several comedy specials on HBO, Comedy Central and Showtime.

During Madigan's career she has performed on nearly every late night show ever made. Leno, Letterman, Conan, Ferguson, *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore* and Ron White's *Salute To The Troops* on CMT. She has performed internationally at festivals and theaters in Ireland, England and Australia and has filmed six Montreal Gala Shows at the Montreal Comedy Festival for Canadian television.

Madigan remains the only comedian in the history of NBC's *Last Comic Standing* to go unchallenged by any other comedian--meaning no comedian would say they were funnier than her. Madigan was a top three finalist in Season 2 and a judge on Season 5.

Tickets are \$25.50–\$45.50. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>www.BrowardCenter.org</u>, <u>www.ParkerPlayhouse.com</u>, <u>www.Ticketmaster.com</u>; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Parker Playhouse box office Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility. All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

The Parker Playhouse 2016-2017 season is presented by the Broward Performing Arts Foundation with generous support from the Salah Foundation.

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## ABOUT PARKER PLAYHOUSE

Celebrating its 50th anniversary season, the neo-classical Playhouse Parker is one of Fort Lauderdale's first venues. Built by Dr. Louis Parker, the playhouse opened its doors on February 6, 1967 and is managed now by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. This 1,168-seat, fully equipped theater plays an important role in the community by fueling economic development, while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.

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