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**SCARLETT JOHANSSON
ORGANIZES STAR-STUDED BENEFIT READING OF
THORNTON WILDER'S
"OUR TOWN"
AT THE FOX THEATRE
TO AID IN PUERTO RICO'S RECOVERY EFFORTS**

**JOHANSSON TO STAR, ALONGSIDE AVENGERS CO-STARS
ROBERT DOWNEY JR.
CHRIS EVANS
MARK RUFFALO
AND MORE**

**DIRECTED BY TONY AWARD WINNER
KENNY LEON**

**FUNDRAISING WILL BENEFIT THE HURRICANE MARIA
COMMUNITY RELIEF & RECOVERY FUND**

TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 10:00 AM

ATLANTA, GA – The **John Gore Organization** is proud to announce a special benefit reading of Thornton Wilder's classic play *Our Town* at the iconic Fox Theatre on Monday, November 6, featuring Tony Award® winner **Scarlett Johansson** along with her *Avengers* co-stars: Academy Award® nominee **Robert Downey Jr.**, **Chris Evans**, and Tony Award nominee **Mark Ruffalo**. The evening, directed by Tony winner **Kenny Leon** and organized by **Ms. Johansson**, will include additional, surprise appearances by celebrities and friends. All proceeds from the one-night-only event will be donated to support the relief efforts in the wake of the devastation left by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

"The struggle faced by Puerto Rican residents since their island was ravaged by Hurricane Maria is terribly heartbreaking and has left many feeling hopeless and helpless." **Ms. Johansson** said. "It is a great privilege to be able to participate in whatever way I can, to provide some relief to those that are struggling to access even the most basic of human needs in the aftermath of this disastrous event. Please help me and my co-stars in coming together for an extraordinary, one-time-only evening to raise lifesaving funds for a devastated island and to help celebrate the true meaning of community with this unique reading of a great American classic."

"The idea was presented by Ms. Johansson, who is currently in Atlanta filming the next *Avengers* movie, and we immediately asked how we could help." said John Gore, owner of The John Gore Organization. "We couldn't be happier to support our friend, Scarlett, and her co-stars in producing this evening for such a worthy cause."

Tickets to this exclusive one-night only event go on sale Monday, October 23 at 10:00AM ET and can be purchased online at FoxTheatre.org/OurTown, by phone at

855-285-8499, or in person at the Fox Theatre Box Office. Tickets start at \$89 and a limited number of VIP packages, which include premium seating in the orchestra pit or on stage, a post-performance meet-and-greet opportunity, a commemorative lanyard, and a signed poster will be available starting at \$500.

Set in the idyllic village of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, ***Our Town*** is a glimpse into the American experience of small town life that captures the universal experience of being alive, falling in love, and facing death. Its 1938 original production earned a Pulitzer Prize for drama and the 1989 Broadway production garnered the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play.

The Hurricane Maria Community Relief & Recovery Fund will be housed at the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD) and funds will be used to support immediate relief, recovery and equitable rebuilding in Puerto Rico for low-income communities of color hit hardest by the storm. The fund will support organizations working on the frontlines with these communities.

The John Gore Organization (JGO) is the leading developer, producer, distributor and marketer of Broadway theatre worldwide. Under the leadership of 11-time Tony winning producer and owner John Gore, its family of companies includes Broadway Across America, Broadway.com, The Broadway Channel, BroadwayBox.com and Group Sales Box Office. Its productions span Broadway, Off Broadway, London's West End, Japan, Canada and 44 domestic markets. It has won Tonys in every producing category as well as numerous other Drama League, Drama Desk and Olivier awards.

Broadway in Atlanta is Atlanta's leading theatrical presenter and producer of Broadway since 1981. For more than 35 years, more than 5.5 million theatergoers have experienced over 300 Broadway in Atlanta productions. Broadway in Atlanta is a member of the Broadway Across America (BAA) network and part of The John Gore Organization family of companies. BAA is the foremost presenter of first-class touring productions in North America, operating in 44 markets. Current and past productions include *The Band's Visit*, *Beautiful*, *Cats*, *Chicago*, *Dear Evan Hansen*, *Mean Girls*, *On Your Feet!* and *The Producers*.

The Fox Theatre is one of Atlanta's premier venues for live entertainment and declared a "Top Stop of the Decade" by Venues Today Magazine. Listed as #1 non-residency venue worldwide for the decade by Billboard Magazine, the Fox most recently won 2017's "Theatre of the Year" by the International Entertainment Buyers Association. With 4,665 seat theatre, the Fox hosts 250 performances a year, from rock concerts to Broadway, ballets, comedy and movies, attracting 500,000 visitors per year. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization, the Fox Theatre stands today as a fiercely protected landmark and a nationally acclaimed theater and is celebrating its 88th year.

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