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ELEVATOR REPAIR SERVICE THEATER ANNOUNCES 2018 SPRING GALA HOSTED BY JON GLASER, MAY 14

Program Includes Elevator Repair Service, Author Kate Scelsa, DJs AndrewAndrew and Live Auction by CK Swett

Attendees include: Maura Tierney (“The Affair”), Sirius radio personality Vin Scelsa, Executive Producer Steve Bodow (“The Late Show with Trevor Noah”), author David Gilbert (& Sons), producer Mindy Goldberg (Epoch Films), comedian Jordan Klepper (“The Opposition with Jordan Klepper”), and writer/performer Laura Grey (*Jordan Klepper Solves Guns*)

On May 14th, 2018, actor and comedian **Jon Glaser** (*Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, truTV’s *Jon Glaser Loves Gear*) will host a star-studded gala, celebrating the Obie-Award winning theater ensemble, **Elevator Repair Service**. Under the direction of founding Artistic Director **John Collins**, Elevator Repair Service is known for creating original works of theater with an ongoing ensemble of actors and designers. *Gatz*, their verbatim staging of “The Great Gatsby,” was called “the most remarkable achievement in theater of this decade” by *The New York Times*. It garnered international acclaim, enjoying over twenty engagements worldwide, including at the Sydney Opera House, London’s West End, the A.R.T. in Cambridge, and two sold-out runs at New York’s The Public Theater. Elevator Repair Service is currently at work on the world premiere of **Kate Scelsa**’s new play, *Everyone’s Fine with Virginia Woolf* to be presented at Abrons Arts Center in June 1–24, 2018. Everyonesfine.com

Guests will include Board of Director members **Steve Bodow** (Executive Producer *The Late Show with Trevor Noah*), **David Gilbert** (author of *& Sons*), **Mindy Goldberg** (founder of Epoch Films), as well as supporters **Maura Tierney** (“The Affair”), Sirius radio personality **Vin Scelsa**, comedian and television host **Jordan Klepper** (“The Opposition with Jordan Klepper”), and writer/performer **Laura Grey** (*Jordan Klepper Solves Guns*).

The evening’s program will be emceed by **Jon Glaser** and will include a special performance by Elevator Repair Service. A live auction with **CK Swett** is followed by remarks offered by **Kate Scelsa**, longtime ERS company member, acclaimed YA author, and playwright. The festivities continue as **AndrewAndrew**, the “creativity team” known equally as DJs and theater critics, keep the music flowing all night.

The Elevator Repair Service 2018 Spring Gala will take place at **Tribeca Rooftop** (2 Desbrosses St, Manhattan) at 6:30pm on Monday, May 14. Individual tickets start at \$500 with tables available starting at \$5,000. Tickets can be purchased online at elevator.org/gala, by calling 212-254-3137 or emailing benefit@elevator.org.

Gala Sponsors

\$15,000: Select Equity Group, L.P. & Robert A. Wilson, Jr.*

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\$5,000: Steve Bodow* & Katherine Profeta, Kenneth Cera*, Doug Curtis*, David Gilbert*, Mindy Goldberg*, Lee & Fritz Michel*, Freddie & Vin Scelsa, The Dorothy Strelsin Foundation

The 2018 Spring Gala benefit committee includes **Robin & Arthur Aufses, Jordan Klepper & Laura Grey, Zoe E. Rotter*, Greig Sargeant*, and Maura Tierney.**

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About the Gala Participants

Elevator Repair Service is a New York City-based ensemble that has been making original theater since 1991, under the direction of Artistic Director John Collins. The company has achieved national and international recognition with its extensive body of work and has influenced a generation of theater-makers. The company's works have been presented in Europe, Australia, Asia, South America, and across the United States. The company has been recognized with many awards, including an Obie Award for Sustained Excellence, a Foundation for Contemporary Arts Grant, and a Lucille Lortel Award and an Elliot Norton Award for *Gatz*. For more information visit elevator.org.

Jon Glaser is an actor, comedian, writer, producer, and director best known for his work as a writer and sketch performer on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." He also created and starred in the Adult Swim series "Delocated" and "Neon Joe, Werewolf Hunter," as well as the truTV series "Jon Glaser Loves Gear."

Kate Scelsa, in addition to performing in many ERS shows (including *Gatz*, *The Sound and the Fury* and *The Select*) is also a noted author. Her young adult novel *Fans of the Impossible Life* was a Fall 2015 Indie Next pick, a Junior Library Guild pick, a 2016 Rainbow List Top Ten Pick, received a starred review in Publishers Weekly, and has been translated into nine languages. Kate's work for theater has been seen in NYC at Dixon Place, Galapagos, the SoHo Playhouse, BAX, and The Bushwick Starr. Her ongoing podcast "The Kate and Vin Scelsa Podcast" chronicles the history of New York radio through her father's storied fifty-year career as a legendary free-form radio DJ. Kate is a 2016-2017 New Georges Audrey Resident, a Lambda Literary LGBTQ Writers in Schools author, a part-time tarot reader, and her band The Witch Ones can be found re-posting kitty memes on Instagram at @thewitchones.

AndrewAndrew is a New York-based creativity team working behind the scenes and in front of large crowds since 1999. Whether DJing parties, designing fashion and home decor, reviewing theatre and restaurants, or consulting with one of their many clients AndrewAndrew challenge pre-conceptions with their unique perspective and unexpected methods.

CK Swett began his career in the auction world in 2006, and has worked at Christie's, Phillips, and Heritage during the intervening nine years. His fundraising efforts since 2010 have yielded more than \$50 million across nearly 400 auctions that support everything from school children in Malawi and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to public schools in Manhattan and the American Cancer Society.

Event Details

What: Elevator Repair Service 2018 Spring Gala
Tickets: Tables for ten start at \$5,000. Individual tickets start at \$500
Where: Tribeca Rooftop, 2 Desbrosses St, New York, NY 10012
When: Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:30PM
Purchase: www.elevator.org/gala ; 212-254-3137; benefit@elevator.org

Proceeds from the gala will support ERS in the development of new plays. The Elevator Repair Service Theater is recognized under the Internal Revenue Service Code 501 (c)(3) as a not-for-profit organization, and therefore in-kind contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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