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MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE TO HONOR JOHN WILSON AT ANNUAL SPRING MOVING IMAGE AWARDS BENEFIT EVENT

June 6, 2023 at Museum of the Moving Image



Photo by Jon Pack

Astoria, New York, May 15, 2023 — The Board of Trustees of Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI) today announced that filmmaker John Wilson will be honored at its annual spring Moving Image Awards benefit event on June 6, 2023. This year's event celebrates leaders in comedy and will salute the career of Wilson as well as his recent project Hono Wilson (HBO).

"We are thrilled to honor John Wilson at our Spring 2023 Moving Image Awards benefit event and present him with the award for Innovative Series," said MoMI's Co-Chairmen Ivan Lustig and Michael Barker. "His one-of-a-kind docu-comedy style is a breath of fresh air for the television industry and we are honored to celebrate his work here at the Museum next month."

MoMI Curator of Film Eric Hynes adds, "In the midst of the writers' strike, our Spring Moving Image Awards event is especially meaningful as we celebrate the work that goes into creating innovative series and movies."

Funds raised at the Moving Image Awards help support MoMI's exhibitions, screenings, and education and community engagement programs, which serve youth and adults, and children and their families, most of whom are residents of the most ethnically diverse region in the world, Queens.

The evening includes cocktails, a program and awards ceremony in the Sumner M. Redstone Theater, and a seated dinner.

John Wilson will be in attendance at the Museum to accept his award for Innovative Series. He will be joining actor and activist Michael J. Fox who will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award that same evening. Additional guests will be announced at a later date.

John Wilson, documentary filmmaker and self-described "anxious New Yorker," made his HBO debut as writer, director, cameraman, executive producer, and narrator in 2020 with the now critically acclaimed and Emmy-nominated *How To with John Wilson*, entering its third season later this year. The series is a uniquely hilarious odyssey of self-discovery and cultural observation, as Wilson covertly and obsessively films the lives of his fellow New Yorkers while attempting to give everyday advice on relatable topics. Building upon Wilson's previously released "how to" short films, the episodes take wildly unexpected turns, but are grounded in John's refreshing honesty. His short films *Los Angeles Plays New York* and *The Road to Magnasanti* were official selections of the 2016 and 2017 New York Film Festival.

HBO® is one of the most respected and innovative entertainment brands in the world, serving iconic, award-winning programming through the HBO linear channels and the direct-to-consumer streaming platform, HBO Max®, which is available in 61 countries across the U.S., Latin America, and Europe. A part of Warner Bros. Discovery, HBO offers an extensive array of programming that includes recent fan-favorite hits like *House of the Dragon, The White Lotus, Euphoria, Insecure*, and *Succession*, and iconic titles, including *Game of Thrones, The Sopranos*, *Sex and the City, Band of Brothers*, and *The Wire*.

Museum of the Moving Image (MoMI) is the only institution in the United States that deals comprehensively with the art, technology, enjoyment, and social impact of film, television, and digital media. In its stunning facility in Astoria, New York, the Museum presents exhibitions; screenings; discussion programs featuring actors, directors, and creative leaders; and education programs. It houses the nation's largest collection of moving image artifacts and screens over 500 films annually. Its exhibition—including the core exhibition *Behind the Screen* and *The Jim Henson Exhibition*—are noted for their integration of material objects, interactive experiences, and audiovisual presentations. For more information about the MoMI, visit movingimage.us.

Buy tickets for the 2023 Spring Moving Image Awards here.

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MUSEUM INFORMATION

Hours: Thurs, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Fri, 2:00-8:00 p.m. Sat-Sun, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$20 adults, \$12 senior citizens (ages 65+) and students (ages 18+) with ID, \$10 youth (ages 3–17). Children under 3 and Museum members are admitted free. General admission is free every Thursday, 2:00–6:00 p.m.

<u>Film Screenings</u>: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and as scheduled. Unless otherwise noted, tickets: \$15 adults, \$11 students and seniors, \$9 youth (ages 3–17), free or discounted for Museum members (depending on level of membership). Advance purchase is available online. <u>Location</u>: 36-01 35 Avenue (at 37 Street) in Astoria.

Subway: M or R to Steinway Street. N or W to 36 Ave or Broadway.

Program Information: Telephone: 718 777 6888; Website: movingimage.us

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