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GALVESTON'S GRAND OPERA HOUSE TO PRESENT "JOHN LITHGOW - STORIES BY HEART" OCTOBER 2

Two-time Tony Award winner John Lithgow brings his solo show, *Stories by Heart*, to The Grand 1894 Opera House for a special performance Saturday, October 2, at 8 p.m. Sponsored in part by Chemiplas Inc. and Texas Commission on the Arts, Lithgow will share a humorous and touching collection of treasured stories – both fiction and true-to-life – that saw him through his formative years and inspired his own life. The *New York Times* hails it as "a triumph of successful acting."

John Lithgow is known for his roles as Dr. Dick Solomon on the NBC sitcom *3rd Rock from the Sun*, Arthur Mitchell on Showtime's *Dexter* and Reverend Shaw Moore in *Footloose*.

In 1973, Lithgow debuted on Broadway in David Storey's *The Changing Room*, for which he received both the Tony and Drama Desk Award as Best Featured Actor in a Play. He appeared in the musical adaptation of *Sweet Smell of Success*, winning the Tony

Award for Best Leading Actor in a Musical in 2002. The musical *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, earned him a Tony nomination for Best Leading Actor in a Musical in 2005. In his one-man theatrical memoir, *Stories By Heart*, Tony and Emmy Award winning actor John Lithgow explores storytelling as the unacknowledged tie that binds humanity. *Stories By Heart* is a moving reflection on the essence of storytelling. Invoking memories of his grandmother and father before him, John Lithgow traces his own history as an actor and storyteller, a history spanning three generations. Interspersed with stories from his own life are stories told to him and his siblings when they were children. Directed by Jack O'Brien, *Stories By Heart* features both P.G. Wodehouse's "*Uncle Fred Flits By*" and Ring Lardner's "*Haircut*."

In the comic monologue "*Uncle Fred Flits By*," a skeptical nephew is taken on a very funny journey by his unstoppable uncle. In this hilarious tour de force, Lithgow portrays nine distinct, outrageous characters with zany abandon, utilizing only body language, vocal changes, timing and facial expression. A wry look at Midwestern implacability, "*Haircut*" is a tale told by a Michigan barber who's seen it all, or so he believes. As Lithgow launches into the narrative, he completely transforms himself into the jolly, loquacious barber who captivates the audience.

Come to The Grand and see John Lithgow "at his heartwarming best" (*Reuters*)!

Ticket prices range from \$22.00- \$75.00. Call for pricing on Box Seats. Special discounts for group and senior tickets may be available. For information about this and other

performances scheduled, contact The Grand's box office at 409.765.1894, 800.821.1894, or visit The Grand's website at www.thegrand.com. The theatre is located at 2020 Postoffice Street, in historic downtown Galveston. The Grand 1894 Opera House is recognized as "The Official Opera House of the State of Texas." All major credit cards accepted.