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## **STAGEStheatre Presents *One Slight Hitch* by Comedian and Daily Show Contributor Lewis Black April 19th-May 19th.**

Fullerton CA—**STAGEStheatre** is proud to present *One Slight Hitch*, by Lewis Black and directed by Jason Sutton. In *One Slight Hitch* it is Courtney's wedding day, and her mom, Delia is making sure that everything is perfect. The groom is perfect, the dress is perfect, and the decorations (assuming they arrive) will be perfect. Then, like in any good farce the doorbell rings. And all hell breaks loose. So much for perfect!

**STAGEStheatre** veteran Jason Sutton directs this madcap feast, "What drew me to this script was the humor of the situations and the characters, but more than that was the family. Five of the seven characters are family and there are some beautiful moments sprinkled throughout that remind us that no matter how crazy things can get, family is always there for you, and this family is crazy."

"The main draw for an audience is, of course, the comedy. It's a funny show, with funny characters. But, unlike Black's standup comedy (a man who always seems on the verge of exploding right in front of our eyes), *One Slight Hitch* is a heartfelt comedy more in line with the style of the works of Neil Simon. Lewis Black's pacing and comedy flows with the same energy and feeling that Simon used in some of his most memorable plays. Making this play seem brand new and yet, at the same time, very familiar."

Jason Sutton is thrilled to be directing again at **STAGEStheatre** after helming the very well received world premiere of *Idol Minds* in 2018. Some of his favorite **STAGEStheatre** onstage appearances are Juror #6 in *12 Angry Men*, Ben Loman in *Death of a Salesman*, and Henry Potter in *It's a Wonderful Life: The Live Radio Play*. Jason has also worked behind the scenes on several productions including as Assistant Director for *Meaning of Life*.

Playwright Lewis Black, Yale Drama School alum and author is known as the comedic king of the rant, skewering anything he sees—usually of the political variety. Lewis Black’s career exploded in the late 1990s when he became a guest commentator on the humorous news satire show ***The Daily Show***. His success on the show led to numerous stand-up specials, including *Black on Broadway* and *Red, White, and Screwed* for HBO. During his long career, Black has won many awards, including a Grammy for Best Comedy Album for *The Carnegie Hall Performance*.

“There’s more than a touch of Neil Simon in the morose Mr. Black.” —NY Times. “If you think of Lewis Black solely as a curmudgeonly comedian whose default setting is a state of apoplexy at the imbecility of his fellow man, you might be surprised by **ONE SLIGHT HITCH**. It’s not unexpected that **HITCH** should abound in snappy wisecracks and keen social observation. Those, after all, are hallmarks of Black’s stand-up act and his appearances on *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart. But what is that we detect on Black’s sleeve at the end of his play? Is that his...heart?” —Boston Globe. “If sustained laughter is the best measure of a comedy, **ONE SLIGHT HITCH** makes the grade.” —Asbury Park Press.

Starring in ***One Slight Hitch*** are: Mary Cash, Glenn Freeze, Jessica Taylor Gable, Michelle Miller-Day, Cameron Patrick Murray, RigelKent Paden, and Summer Stratton.

Tickets for ***One Slight Hitch*** are \$24.00, \$22.00 for students and seniors.

Performances are April 19- May 19th, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. There are no performances April 21st or 27th. For reservations please visit our website at [www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org)

About **STAGES**theatre: Celebrating its 27th year in business, **STAGES**theatre is one of Orange County’s most innovative community theaters. It produces nearly 15 productions annually, showcasing local playwriting, acting and directing talent.

**STAGES**theatre is, and will continue to be, dedicated to the development of the artist. It is located at 400 E. Commonwealth in Downtown Fullerton (between Lemon and Balcom).

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