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### **TICKETS ON SALE FOR PUBLIC EVENTS AT 2017 SPOTLIGHT HEALTH AND ASPEN IDEAS FESTIVAL**

**Aspen, CO, June XX, 2017** – Passes to the Aspen Ideas Festival have been sold-out for months, but there are still plenty of ways for locals and tourists alike to participate in-person. Tickets to individual sessions offer low to no cost access to many of the world’s greatest thinkers, artists, journalists, scientists, political leaders, and up-and-comers.

Tickets are now available through Aspen Show Tickets at the Wheeler Opera House, online at [www.aspenshowtix.com](http://www.aspenshowtix.com), or by calling 970-920-5770. A full list of ticketed events is available here: <https://www.aspenideas.org/festival/public-tickets>

**Highlights from this year’s lineup include the following** (all scheduling and speakers are subject to change):

**“Building the Wall” Performance and Discussion** – A provocative 90-minute theatrical event from Pulitzer and Tony award-winning playwright Robert Schenkkan. This one-night-only performance will be followed by a panel discussion with Schenkkan, Curious Theater Artistic Director Chip Walton, and the cast.

**Young Adult Forum** – An interactive evening of presentations, discussions, and more with Ideas Festival speakers, open only to ages 14 to 21 years. Featured speakers include Wajahat Ali, Jonathan Greenblatt, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, and more.

**“Pod Save America” LIVE** – Co-Hosts Jon Lovett, Jon Favreau, and Tommy Vietor, will do a live recording of their podcast discussing all things politics.

**“Hidden Brain” LIVE** – NPR podcast “Hidden Brain” will record their show in front of a live audience with special guest Kate Darling of MIT Media Lab and dive into the future of human-robot interaction.

**Three Caregivers Walk into a Bar: Caregiving, Improvisation, and Humor:** In an evening of stories and interactive experiences, learn how to apply the tools of improvisation to caregiving at this session by The Second City and Caring Across Generations.

**Med School** – Go back to school with sessions that include “Sex and Cancer” with Saketh Guntupalli, “The Changeable Brain” with Sarah Watamura, and “The Science of Temperament: Introvert, Extrovert, or Ambivert?” with Nidhi Berry.

**Film Screenings and Discussion** - As always, a number of films will be screened during the evenings throughout Spotlight Health and the Aspen Ideas Festival. The 2017 films include “An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power,” “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste,” “Despicable Me 3,” and “Chasing Coral.”

**WHERE:** Typically, breakfast and lunch discussions will be offered at the Hotel Jerome, St. Regis Hotel and other locales in Aspen. Films will be offered during the evenings in Paepcke Auditorium with special sessions at Belly Up Aspen, Hotel Jerome, Hooch Craft Cocktail Bar, and other locations. Any events being held in town will be ticketed and open to the public.

**WHEN:** Tickets go on sale Friday, June 16 @ 9am MDT through Aspen Show Tickets at the Wheeler Opera House, online at [www.aspenshowtix.com](http://www.aspenshowtix.com), or by calling 970-920-5770. Tickets range in price from FREE to \$55 for breakfast and lunch sessions, and \$150 for the Afternoon of Conversation. They will sell out quickly during this pre-sale, but space may be available for those who want to buy tickets at the door.

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