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**PATTON OSWALT FRINGE SHOW NOW 9/16
Emmy-nominated comedian attends awards show 9/18
Change creates “one incredible night in downtown Rochester”**

Rochester, NY – Organizers of the 2016 First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival announce that the previously scheduled Patton Oswalt show on Sunday, September 18 at 8 p.m. in Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre has been changed to Friday, September 16 at 9 p.m. in the same venue. Any tickets already issued will be valid for the new date. For a refund, please call the Eastman Theatre Box Office at (585) 274-3000.

The change is due to Oswalt’s nomination for “Outstanding Writing for a Variety Special – 2016” for Netflix’s Patton Oswalt: Talking for Clapping at the Television Academy’s 68th Emmy Awards. The awards show takes place Sunday, September 18 in Los Angeles – the same night as his original Fringe show date.

“It’s just very important to him that he’s at the Emmys,” says Fringe Producer Erica Fee.

Oswalt is up against Amy Schumer (Live at the Apollo), John Mulaney (The Comeback Kid), Tig Notaro (Boyish Girl Interrupted), and Triumph’s Election Special 2016 (multiple writers). Hosted by Jimmy Kimmel, the ABC show will air live locally on 13 WHAM TV from 7-11 p.m. on the 18th.

“Fringe audiences now have 43 performances to choose from on September 16th,” adds Fee. “They can catch the world-renowned STREB Extreme Action Company at 8 p.m. over at Friday on the Fringe at Parcel 5, and then walk over to Eastman Theatre for Patton Oswalt at 9. It will be one incredible night in downtown Rochester!”

Tickets for Patton Oswalt on Friday, September 16 at 9 p.m. are \$35-\$80, and available at rochesterfringe.com or by calling the Eastman Theatre Box Office at (585) 274-3000. A new opening act will be announced shortly.

More about Oswalt: The comedian, actor and best-selling author returns to the Fringe this year for a rare 2016 appearance, after headlining the very first First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival in 2012. Oswalt has five television specials and four acclaimed comedy albums, two of which were Grammy-nominated. He’s currently the voice of the Narrator in ABC’s hit, *The Goldbergs*, and his many memorable guest roles include *Parks and Recreation*, for which he received the TV Critics Choice Award. Oswalt has appeared in more than 25 feature films, including *Ratatouille*, *The Comedians of Comedy*, *Big Fan*, *Starsky and Hutch*, and *Reno 911!* His first published book, *Zombie Spaceship Wasteland*, was released in January of 2011 and is a New York Times Best Seller. His second book, *Silver Screen Fiend*, hit shelves in January of 2015 to rave reviews. Ricky Gervais said of the book, “Patton Oswalt is one of the most brilliant comedy minds of a generation.”

More about Fringe: Since its debut in 2012, the First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival has become one of the most successful fringe festivals in the U.S., attracting more than 63,000 attendees in 2015. This 10-day, multi-arts festival now boasts over 500 performances and events – more than a third of which are free – in 25+ venues in downtown Rochester, NY. Celebrating and inspiring creativity, the Fringe (curated by both the festival and its venues) includes everything from theatre, music, comedy and dance, to children’s entertainment, spoken word, visual arts and much more.

Rochester Fringe Festival is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation that exists as a means to connect venues, performers, artists, educational institutions and the audience. It was pioneered by several of Rochester's esteemed cultural institutions, including Geva Theatre Center, the George Eastman Museum and Garth Fagan Dance, as well as up-and-coming groups like PUSH Physical Theatre and Method Machine. The Board of Directors includes representatives from the University of Rochester; Rochester Institute of Technology; Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC; Boylan Code LLP; Eastman School of Music; Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP; Method Machine; PUSH Physical Theatre; and Writers & Books. The Rochester Fringe Festival is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. This festival is also supported by a grant awarded to the Rochester Fringe Festival by New York State's Empire State Development and I LOVE NY / NYS Division of Tourism under Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Council Initiative.

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