



MEDIA ALERT

Center for Media Innovation and the Pittsburgh Playhouse to host Backstage/Onstage Series

This event honors the legacy of former Allegheny County executive Jim Roddey with a moderated conversation between Joseph Sabino Mistick and Brandon McGinley

WHO: Center for Media Innovation and the Pittsburgh Playhouse
at Point Park University

WHAT: Backstage/Onstage: The Jim Roddey Circuit

Jim Roddey served as Allegheny County's first chief executive as a Republican in a predominantly Democratic area, and he succeeded by reaching across the aisle, maintaining civility and smiling even when it wasn't easy. Roddey died in March 2024 at age 91. His good friend and television co-host Joseph Sabino Mistick, a democrat and columnist for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review/Trib Total Media*, joins Brandon McGinley, a conservative editorial writer at the *Post-Gazette* and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2024. Together, they will address the contentious 2024 election and its lasting impact on southwestern Pennsylvania.

Introductions by Mark A. Nordenberg, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Pittsburgh.

WHEN: Thursday, January 23 2025
5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Directly on the PNC Stage
Pittsburgh Playhouse
350 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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About the Pittsburgh Playhouse – The Pittsburgh Playhouse at Point Park University, is a 90,411 square-foot center for arts and entertainment that serves as an artistic laboratory for the prestigious Conservatory of Performing Arts (COPA) and Downtown Pittsburgh’s newest home for arts and entertainment. The Playhouse is comprised of professional, artist educators dedicated to an approach to training that enables students to pursue careers as professionals. COPA includes Departments of Theatre, Dance and Cinema. The four-story facility, located in Downtown Pittsburgh at 350 Forbes Avenue, features the 550-seat PNC Theatre, the 200-seat Highmark Theatre and the 99-seat Rauh Theatre. Support for the Pittsburgh Playhouse comes from The Charity Randall Foundation, Two Men and a Truck, Forbes Tavern, Dinsmore Legal Counsel, and Ardent Interior Design.