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Comedian, NPR personality, and author Paula Poundstone

Returns to Tacoma's Pantages Theater March 9

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TACOMA, WASH. – Comedian and panelist on NPR's *Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!* Paula Poundstone returns to Tacoma's Pantages Theater for a standup performance on Friday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. [Tickets start at \\$19 and are on sale now - with limited availability.](#)

Poundstone is the star of several HBO specials. Her razor sharp wit and impeccable timing makes for a perfect fit as a regular panelist on NPR's #1 show, the weekly comedy news quiz, "Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!" Also an author, she just released her second book, "The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness." Tony and Emmy Award-winner Lily Tomlin described the book as "A remarkable journey. I laughed. I cried. I got another cat." The book landed at #1 on Amazon Best Sellers lists in Hardcover, Kindle, Audible and on the Billboard Top 10 Comedy Chart.

Poundstone is known for never doing the same show twice. When asked about his co-host, "Wait, Wait..." host Peter Sagal replied, "Paula Poundstone is the funniest human being I have ever known. Everything she does, thinks, or says is hilarious." Audience members often leave her shows complaining that their cheeks hurt from laughter and wondering if the random people she talks to are plants. Of course they never are.

Poundstone is the winner of an American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic and is recognized on Comedy Central's list of The 100 Best Standup Comics of All Time.

She voiced the character "Forgetter Paula" in Disney/Pixar's *Inside Out*, winner of the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. Her commentaries appear on CBS Sunday Morning and guest appearances include *Late Night with Stephen Colbert*, *Carson Daly*, *Nerdist with Chris Hardwick*. She is the first woman, in its then 73rd year, to perform standup comedy at the White House Correspondents' Dinner. She is included in innumerable lists, documentaries and literary compendiums noting influential standup comedians of our time.

[Tickets for Paula Poundstone at the Pantages Theater are on sale now for \\$19, \\$32, \\$49, and \\$62.](#) To purchase tickets call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894 or visit in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District or online at www.BroadwayCenter.org.

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