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Three World Class Female Stand-Up Comics Benefit Brava Theater On New Year's Eve

WHAT: "Brava's New Year's Eve Comedy Fiesta" with stand-up comics Marga Gomez, Dhaya Lakshminarayanan and Micia Mosely. (*"Brava's Countdown Dance Party" with champagne toast, party hats and DJ Mark Mark will follow the stand-up comedy performance.*)

WHO: Marga Gomez headlines, with special guests Dhaya Lakshminarayanan and Micia Mosely.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 31, 2013

SHOW TIME: <u>9pm</u> (Doors and bar open <u>8pm</u>. "Brava's Countdown Dance Party" will follow the comedy performance.)

WHERE: Brava Theater Center 2781 24th Street, San Francisco, CA Between York and Hampshire Streets

WHY: Marga Gomez headlines a gala night of comedy and festivities to benefit Brava Theater Center and celebrate another year of their original performances.

TICKETS and INFO: Advance tickets are available online at www.brava.org. Reserved seating starts at \$30. VIP seating also available.

PHOTO and INTERVIEW REQUESTS: Interviews and additional high and low res photos can be obtained by request <u>margagomez10@gmail.com</u> or <u>415 322-0097</u> or by visiting our event photo gallery <u>https://picasaweb.google.com/115582978005207781111/NYE2013?authuser=0&feat=dir</u> <u>ectlink</u> **PHOTO INFO**: (Left to Right: Micia Mosely, Marga Gomez, Dhaya Lakshminarayanan. Photo by David Wilson)

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TRANSIT: Accessible via 24th Street BART Station and Muni 48 Quintara, 9 San Bruno, 27 Bryant, 12 Folsom, 67 Bernal. Parking at SF General Hospital Garage 24th and San Bruno (3 blocks from Brava)

MORE: "Brava's New Year's Eve Comedy Fiesta" is the Mission District's one stop New Year's Eve destination to get your laugh and your dance on. After it's successful sold out debut last year the "Fiesta" returns this year on December 31st, 2013 with more smart, joyous, feminist, and twisted stand-up. It will feature returning headliner and show creator Marga Gomez (LOGO Network, GLAAD Award Winner) and special guests Dhaya Lakshminarayanan (SF Bay Guardian's Best Comedian 2013) and Micia Mosely ("smart, timely and also downright hilarious" newyorktheatre.com) Mario Montes (Comedy Bodega) will emcee. Immediately following the comedy performances "Brava's Countdown Dance Party" with DJ Mark Mark, no-host bar, snacks, party hats and midnight champagne will run into the wee hours of 2014. Proceeds benefit Brava Theater Center. The event is Sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Guardian.

ABOUT BRAVA: Brava! For Women in the Arts celebrates the beginning of its 27th year producing, presenting and cultivating original work, especially by women, people of color and lesbian artists and its 17th year as owner and operator of the iconic Brava Theater Center on 24th Street in the Mission. Proceeds from Brava's NYE Comedy Fiesta will further these goals in 2014.

ABOUT PERFORMERS:

Marga Gomez has been hailed as "Astonishing" by Armistead Maupin and "Amazing" by Robin Williams. The SF Bay Guardian, SF Weekly and Bay Area Reporter named Marga Gomez "Best Comedian 2012". Gomez has been featured on HBO, LOGO, Comedy Central and PBS, and has appeared at numerous comedy festivals including San Francisco Sketchfest, Montreal's "Just For Laughs" and The Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Gomez is also a GLAAD award winning writer/performer of ten solo plays. Her latest solo play "Lovebirds" premieres at the Marsh, San Francisco on January 23, 2014 for an eight-week engagement. Marga Gomez is also the creator of several popular comedy events including "Brava's New Year's Eve Comedy Fiesta." For information about Marga Gomez visit <u>www.margagomez.com</u>

Dhaya Lakshminarayanan was named "Best Comedian 2013" in the San Francisco Bay Guardian's "Best of the Bay Readers Poll." She has performed stand-up internationally and is the grand prize winner of COMEDY CENTRAL ASIA'S "Ultimate Comedy Challenge" filmed in Singapore. Lakshminarayanan is also an acclaimed storyteller and TV host. She hosted the premier year of the Emmy-award winning series "High School Quiz Show" on PBS's WGBH and is a frequent comedic storyteller on NPR's "Snap Judgment". She has performed at festivals across the country including the Boston Comedy Festival, The Out of Bounds Comedy Festival in Austin, Texas, and the Bridgetown Comedy Festival in Portland, Oregon. For information about Dhaya Lakshminarayanan visit www.dhayacomedy.com

Micia Mosely was praised by newyorktheatre.com as

"Smart, timely and also downright hilarious". This bi-coastal socio-political comic performer earned her Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley and has kept audiences laughing in a variety of contexts and venues. Micia wrote and starred in her one-woman show, "Where My Girls At?" an off-Broadway comedy about Black lesbians. "WMGA?" was nominated for a New York Innovative Theatre Award (Best Solo Performance). Since 2008 she's toured her standup comedy in clubs, colleges and conferences across the nation. In 2013 Micia debuted her latest project "Survivor Hampshire: The Social Justice edition" She is currently working on her new play "X-Marks the Spot".". For more about Micia Mosely visit www.miciamosely.com