

## about tonight's event

This third season of Wits has been incredible. Paul F. Tompkins sang EMU ATTACK. Fred Willard tried to sell you Diet Socks and then got us all to raise our hands and sing Dan Wilson's "Gravy Missiles." Ted Leo rocked your faces off. Reggle Watts rocked your castles off. You even saw Bobscratch Goldfarb on stage. John Moe along with John Munson and the Witnesses made you laugh and swoon at every show.

What we love about Wits is that no matter who the guests are, you always get laughs and surprises, and you are no doubt in for a good time tonight with Amy Sedaris and They Might Be Giants.

Here is my love letter to you. You are one of the best audiences around. You call Thursdays "Wits Eve." You ask strangers on Twitter for rides to the show. You stand up and sing at the end of the night. You come to every Wits ready for anything. And you tweet like crazy when you're here. One of you lucky Tweeters scored free tickets to this very show. Keep on Tweeting tonight using #wits, and make sure you're following us on Twitter — we're @wits.

Tonight, we're broadcasting Wits LIVE to the entire MPR listening region, so clap and cheer like you do. Go ahead and "woo" even.



Tony Bol  
Director, Performance Programs  
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P.S. Thoughts about the show? We welcome your call to the member hotline at 651-290-1212.

Please silence your mobile device, but please Tweet #wits. Thank you.

## about the guests

**Amy Sedaris** is a five-foot Grecian spitfire from North Carolina who studied and performed with Chicago's Second City, an Improv and sketch comedy theater. She's a best-selling author and starred in Comedy Central's *Strangers with Candy*. She has guest-starred on many popular television shows, including *Sex & The City*, *Raising Hope* and *Hot in Cleveland*. She most recently appeared in a several-episode arc on *The Good Wife*. She has been in several films including *Elf*, *Snow Angels*, *Puss in Boots* and *The Best and the Brightest*.

**They Might Be Giants** (@tmbg) are known and much beloved for their energized live shows and their inventive songwriting. They've won two Grammy awards, contributed to film and TV soundtracks, made hit DVDs, become Musical Ambassadors for International Space Year, appeared as cartoon characters, written music for a robot ballet and topped the iTunes podcast charts. Their latest album is *Join Us*.

## about the host

**John Moe** (@johnmoe) spends his days as host of *Marketplace Tech Report*. Before joining *Marketplace*, he hosted *Weekend America* and hosted and produced programs at KUOW in Seattle. He's a widely published author and has written for *The New York Times Magazine* and *McSweeney's*. In its top 25 Best Twitter Users of 2010, *Paste Magazine* put John in at #7.

## about the music director

**John Munson** (@munsongs) wrote, sang and played in '90s cult favorites Trip Shakespeare as well as with the multi-platinum hit-makers Semisonic. His current projects include playing bass with jazzy revisionists (and hosts of the annual Holiday Show at The Fitz) the New Standards, and his latest rock group, The Twilight Hours. He's both funny and a snappy dresser.

## tweet the show

We love it when you guys use Twitter. Your Tweets become part of the fun. They might even make you Wits-famous, because everyone might see them on the big screen and lobby monitors. Plus, the Box Dwellers might read one of your Tweets OUT LOUD. To YOU and EVERYBODY ELSE during the show LIVE and everything. If you're Tweeting (#wits), as a courtesy to other audience members, please mute your device and try to lower the brightness of your screen. If you don't plan on Tweeting, please turn off or silence your mobile device. You might want to sit the whole Twitter thing out. We respect that. But trust us, you'll have a lot of fun when you Tweet. Be bold! Join our #wits family! And you can now follow our new Twitter profile, @wits.

## Fitzgerald Theater Patron Program

MPR and the Fitzgerald Theater would like to thank Scusi for supporting tonight's performance and for making tickets available to area students.

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## about the fitz

Minnesota Public Radio's Fitzgerald Theater is Saint Paul's oldest theater; in 2010, it became listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This 1,000-seat venue acts as MPR's largest broadcast studio, with airwaves reaching millions of people tuned in to *A Prairie Home Companion*.

In all, our staged productions commission authors, artists and radio hosts to create intellectually stimulating programs. The Fitzgerald Theater is proud to serve the stage, radio and digital audiences of Minnesota Public Radio.

## upcoming events

### MPR at the State Fair

Thursday, Aug. 23 – Monday, Sept. 3

When the Minnesota State Fair comes around, be sure to visit the MPR booth near the corner of Judson and Nelson for live broadcasts, interviews, onstage performances and more. MPR Day at the Fair is Friday, Aug. 31, with special events in Carousel Park and at the MPR booth. For a complete and updated schedule of MPR's events during the Fair, visit [mpr.org/statefair](http://mpr.org/statefair).


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