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📺 ✈️ “Airplane!” takes off at the Miller Theater on 5/30 with a special screening and live conversation featuring the film’s stars Julie Hagerty and Robert Hays. Presented by @EnsembleArtsPhilly in association with @MillsEntertainment, the evening includes a never-before-released edit of the film followed by an onstage discussion and audience Q&A. Learn more at www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

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**ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY,
IN ASSOCIATION WITH MILLS ENTERTAINMENT,
PRESENTS *AIRPLANE!* LIVE WITH FILM’S STARS
JULIE HAGERTY AND ROBERT HAYS
AT THE MILLER THEATER,
MAY 30, 2026**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (April 22, 2026) – Ensemble Arts Philly, in association with Mills Entertainment, presents a special screening of *Airplane!* with the film’s stars Julie Hagerty and Robert Hays on Saturday, **May 30, 2026**, at 7:30 p.m. at the **Miller Theater**.

The stars of the greatest comedy to ever hit the skies will join the audience to screen a never-before-released edit of *Airplane!* straight from the vault of the legendary film’s co-writer & co-director, David Zucker. Following the screening (assuming they don’t have the fish for dinner), Julie Hagerty (“Elaine”) and Robert Hays (“Ted Striker”) will take the stage for a live discussion and Q&A to share behind-the-scenes stories, insights, and personal memories from working on this genre-defining comedy masterpiece.

“Ensemble Arts Philly has a stage for every occasion, presenting Broadway, jazz, comedy, dance, and family presentations across our historic theaters; hosting diners at our casual café and world-class restaurant; and providing guests with unique experiences – like this screening for a film celebrating its 46th anniversary,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “A touchstone of modern comedy, we hope guests attending this *Airplane!* screening find joy in the nostalgia of the night, discover something new, and embrace the shared experience of watching a film with hundreds of other fans.”

Released in 1980 by Paramount Pictures, *Airplane!* is a feature film written and directed by David Zucker, Jim Abrahams, and Jerry Zucker. The film follows former fighter pilot Ted Striker (Robert Hays) as he attempts to safely land a commercial airplane after the flight crew becomes incapacitated, alongside Elaine Dickinson (Julie Hagerty), a flight attendant and Striker's former romantic partner. The film employs a fast-paced comedic structure using visual gags, wordplay, and literal interpretations of dialogue. *Airplane!* was a commercial success at the time of its release and is frequently referenced in discussions of film comedy and parody.

Other featured upcoming performances include **Heather McMahan: *The Bamboozled Tour*** (April 30, 2026, Miller Theater); ***Shucked*** (April 21–May 3, 2026, Forrest Theatre); ***Chicago*** (May 12–17, 2026, Forrest Theatre); and ***The Outsiders*** (May 26–June 7, 2026, Academy of Music).

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ensembleartsphilly.org, by calling 215-893-1999, or in person at the Academy of Music Box Office (240 S. Broad Street) daily from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. For more information, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

***Airplane!* Live with Julie Hagerty and Robert Hays**

Miller Theater

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

A limited number of passengers can upgrade to a "First Class" VIP meet & greet experience!

VIPs will meet Julie Hagerty and Robert Hays, pose with them for a professionally shot photograph, and receive an autographed tour poster!

This post-show VIP meet & greet opportunity is available to add on to any ticket purchase while supplies last. The VIP add-on is not valid without an accompanying show ticket, and each attendee must have both for entry to the VIP meet & greet.

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