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Comedian Lewis Black Joins the Honorary Board of the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library

INDIANAPOLIS – Comedian Lewis Black is joining the ranks of the Honorary Board of Directors for the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library. “I want to be a part of the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library because by looking at the world through his eyes, he helped shape the way I look at it,” said Black of his reasons for joining the organization’s board. “One of the few reasons I am vaguely sane is that he made me realize that I wasn't crazy. His words, as sad as they might be sometimes, gave me comfort. And he makes me laugh, really laugh. He was a gift to the planet.”

Black plans to contribute to the Vonnegut Library through a fundraising performance and visits. Black met Vonnegut Library Executive Director Julia Whitehead when he was in Indianapolis performing earlier this month. “Welcoming Lewis Black to our Honorary Board is one of the highlights of our fledgling organization,” said Whitehead. “He is one of the good guys. Like Vonnegut, he helps people make it through the absurdities and difficulties we deal with every day. He’s hilarious, and he cares about improving the quality of life for people. His participation has helped to invigorate our entire organization.”

The Vonnegut Library is a public-benefit, nonprofit organization championing the literary, artistic, and cultural contributions of the late writer, artist, and Indianapolis native Kurt Vonnegut. The library serves as a cultural and educational resource facility, museum, art gallery, and reading room. It supports language and visual arts education through programs and outreach activities with local schools and with other arts organizations to foster a strong arts network for both the local and national community. For more information, visit www.vonnegutlibrary.org.

