



# BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION

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## **The Brain Aneurysm Foundation's 5th annual Boston Pops Night to be held on June 15**

**Conductor Keith Lockhart is Foundation's special guest at pre-performance reception**

(Hanover, MA—June 6, 2016) The Massachusetts-based **Brain Aneurysm Foundation** will host its 5th annual Boston Pops Night on Wednesday, June 15 at Symphony Hall in Boston to raise money to support research of brain aneurysms, a disease that affects an estimated 30,000 people annually.

Boston Pops Orchestra maestro Keith Lockhart will be the Foundation's special guest at a pre-show reception that will be held in the Miller Room at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

"This event is something we all look forward to each year. It is a great way for our families, friends and supporters to enjoy a night out while raising money to support this very important work," said Brain Aneurysm Foundation Executive Director Christine Buckley. "It also gives us a chance to personally thank Keith Lockhart, who has been a longtime supporter of the Brain Aneurysm Foundation."

The June 15 concert is billed as "The Golden Age of Broadway" and will include some selections from the biggest shows in Broadway history and feature performances by Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley, the dynamic husband-and-wife Broadway power couple, as well as Tony-nomine Laura Osnes and Pops favorite Justin Hopkins, who will join the Pops orchestra in this celebration of the best of musical theater. The reception is at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

### **Brain Aneurysms by the numbers:**

- Six million people in the U.S. have a brain aneurysm, 30,000 of whom will suffer a rupture each year
- Of the 30,000, 60 percent will survive
- Of those who survive, approximately 66 percent will endure permanent neurological deficits that limit their ability to resume a normal life
- The cost of treating brain aneurysms and caring for those who have suffered a rupture nationally is in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually
- 50 percent of those who have a brain aneurysm rupture are less than 50 years old

This has been a busy time for the Brain Aneurysm Foundation. It received national attention, including on May 11, 2016, when the Foundation led a delegation of more than six-dozen brain aneurysm survivors, family members of those affected by the disease, advocates and medical professionals from

around the country for a Congressional Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. The delegation met with key legislators including Senator Edward Markey (D-MA), Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), and Representative Renee Ellmers (R-NC).

On May 3, 2016, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation participated in the #StrokeTalk as part of National Stroke Awareness Month with the CNN Chief Medical Correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Director Dr. Walter Koroshetz, Million Hearts Executive Director Dr. Janet Wright, and Kaiser Permanente research scientist Dr. Mai Nguyen-Huynh.

On April 21, 2016, the U.S. Senate passed by acclamation Resolution 438 naming September as “National Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month,” which was introduced by Senators Markey and Ayotte. And on Sunday, April 21, 2016, more than 1,000 people gathered at Boston’s historic Fenway Park to participate in the 15th annual Arterial Challenge, a 5K Run and 3K Walk to fund research.

The Foundation also just launched a public awareness campaign featuring a PSA titled “Pleased to Meet You” that was created by the award-winning agency, HQ Creative. Link to the PSA Link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/brainaneurysmfound>

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#### **ABOUT THE BRAIN ANEURYSM FOUNDATION**

The Brain Aneurysm Foundation is the globally recognized leader in brain aneurysm awareness, education, support, advocacy and research funding. Now celebrating more than 20 years’ of service, and led by Executive Director Christine Buckley, the Brain Aneurysm Foundation was established in 1994 in Boston, Massachusetts, with a mission to promote early detection of brain aneurysms by providing knowledge and raising awareness of the signs, symptoms and risk factors; work with the medical communities to provide support networks for patients and families; as well as to further research that will improve patient outcomes and save lives. **For more information about the Brain Aneurysm Foundation, visit [www.bafound.org](http://www.bafound.org)**