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## **FIVE-TIME GRAMMY AND EMMY NOMINEE MARGARET CHO BRINGS *CHOLIGARCHY* TO BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE**

**Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre  
September 15–19, 2026**

**— Tickets On Sale Friday, July 31 at 1pm PT —  
Season subscriber early access begins July 29**

BERKELEY, CA (July 28, 2026)—**Margaret Cho**—the five-time Grammy and Emmy-nominated comedian/actress—will bring her new “blistering and brutally honest” show, ***Choligarchy***, to **Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Roda Theatre** for six performances only beginning **Tuesday, September 15 and running through Saturday, September 19, 2026**. Single tickets are available to the general public beginning **Friday, July 31 at 1pm PT** at [berkeleyrep.org](https://berkeleyrep.org) or by phone at 510 647-2949 (Tue–Sun, 12–7pm). Berkeley Rep season subscribers have early access to tickets beginning July 29.

A pioneer amongst women in comedy, Margaret Cho doesn't take anything for granted as she continues to tackle difficult subjects with sensitivity and her razor-sharp insight with her takes on addiction, abuse, activism, and Asianness. It's all about the politics of disgust and what is disgusting about politics.

***Choligarchy*** is an unfiltered evening of comedy from one of the country's most influential and outspoken comedians.

Said Cho, “My new show *Choligarchy* is bringing me back to my roots as a political comedian. I'm so frustrated with the state of the union, and I know the only weapon I have is humor. We are being taken over by the richest people in the world, but the one thing they cannot afford is jokes at their expense. I want to fight fascism with everything I have. This will be my most blistering and brutally honest show yet! Let's tear down racism, homophobia, and sexism with all that we have. We have to fight for what we have now, because if we wait any longer, it might be too late to save ourselves.”

Comedian. Actor. Musician. Advocate. Entrepreneur. Five-time Grammy and Emmy nominee. When hasn't Margaret Cho's strong voice been part of our consciousness? It feels like she has always been here, like a friend you can always count on, lighting the path for other women, other members of underrepresented groups, other performers, to follow.

Cho staunchly supports the causes that are important to her: anti-racism, anti-bullying, gay rights, all while fulfilling her successful creative side with a legendary stand-up career that has yielded 10-plus comedy tours. Her recent television & movie roles include “Erin” in Hulu's smash *Fire Island*, guest starring on the Ryan Murphy hit *Doctor Odyssey*, *The Flight Attendant* (HBO Max), *Hacks* (HBO Max), and

two *Netflix is a Joke* comedy specials including *Outstanding: A Comedy Revolution*. Margaret's latest film, *All That We Love*, premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, earning Margaret rave reviews, and she is set to star as "Wasp," one of the "Gray Sisters" in Season Two of Disney's *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* as well as in Gregg Araki's movie thriller *I Want Your Sex*. Margaret is a recurring guest star in the ABC hit drama, *Will Trent*.

Cho, who *Vogue* magazine named one of the nine Best Female Comedians of All-Time, alongside Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner, and Wanda Sykes, appreciates where she finds herself right now: "I think comedians in general, we get better as we get older, and we kind of get more observant, and more astute in those observations."

Thankfully, Cho has more stories to tell, and her production company, *Animal Family Productions*, has multiple scripted shows in development.

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