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**THE MARIJUANA POLICY PROJECT TO HONOR BILL MAHER  
WITH THE PUBLIC FACE OF REFORM AWARD  
DURING ANNUAL CELEBRITY FUNDRAISER ON MAY 14, 2007  
AT THE PLAYBOY MANSION**

**Hosted by Comedian Joe Rogan with DJ Pooh Spinning Tunes**

***Live Auction to Include Poker Lesson  
From World Series of Poker Champion Jamie Gold***

Los Angeles, CA—The Marijuana Policy Project, the largest marijuana reform organization in the U.S., will throw their second annual celebrity fundraising bash at the Playboy Mansion in Los Angeles on May 14, 2007. This year the organization will honor TV talk show host, political commentator and comedian, Bill Maher for his outspoken views in support of marijuana policy reform. Maher will receive the Public Face of Reform award. Hugh Hefner received a similar award last year.

The event will be hosted by comedian Joe Rogan, with celebrity DJ Pooh spinning tunes throughout the night, additional musical guests and celebrity attendees will be announced in the coming weeks. Tickets are currently on sale at a tiered pricing scale at \$900 for early buyers, and moving to \$1000 thereafter. With almost 350 sold to date, the advance sale priced tickets are nearly sold out. For tickets and further information, go to [www.mpp.org/playboy](http://www.mpp.org/playboy).

The evening will also include a live auction currently featuring a poker lesson, with none other than the reigning champion of the main event at the World Series of Poker, Jamie Gold. In August 2006, Jamie pulled down \$12 million, a record prize, not just for poker, but for any sporting event. The winning bidder will receive a dinner with Mr. Gold, and personalized poker tips. Several pieces of original artwork will also be auctioned, including a John Lennon lithograph.

This year's party will raise funds to continue MPP's political lobbying efforts to pass medical marijuana legislation in a number of states, including New York, Minnesota and Illinois, as well as to make Rhode Island's medical marijuana law permanent (it was passed last year as a result of MPP's lobbying, but with a one-year sunset clause). In addition, MPP is also working to end federal raids on medical marijuana patients and caregivers in California and other states where medical use and distribution is legal. With a new Speaker of the House who supports protection for medical marijuana patients, there is renewed hope for progress this year.

Comedic host of the event, Joe Rogan, is best known for being the host of NBC's "Fear

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Factor,” co-host of Comedy Central’s “The Man Show,” cast member of the sitcom “News Radio,” and for his ongoing position as post-fight commentator for the “Ultimate Fighting Championship.” Rapper, producer and film director DJ Pooh will be spinning tunes throughout the evening, in addition to a soon to be named musical guest. DJ Pooh has collaborated with the likes of Ice Cube, Tupac Shakur, LL Cool J and Snoop Dog.

With over 21,000 members and 100,000 email subscribers nationwide, MPP is the largest marijuana policy reform organization in the United States. MPP believes the best way to minimize the harm associated with marijuana is to regulate marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol. For years, MPP has worked to protect medical marijuana patients from arrest and jail, and the group’s efforts were directly responsible for the passage of medical marijuana laws, in Montana and Vermont in 2004 and Rhode Island last year.

The MPP advisory board includes such luminaries as Ani DiFranco, Jesse Ventura, Jack Black, Adam Carolla, former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders and Dr. Andrew Weil, amongst others.

For more information about MPP, see [www.mpp.org](http://www.mpp.org).

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