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The 3rd Annual Burbank Comedy Festival to Feature Tom Segura, Christopher Titus, Kate Flannery, Jimmy Pardo, Kel Mitchell, 200 Emerging Comedians & More

BURBANK, Calif. — Top national headliners and 250 emerging comedians will converge for the 3rd Annual Burbank Comedy Festival with a record number of shows, afterparties, and general hilarity from Sunday, August 14 to Saturday, August 20, 2016.

The Burbank Comedy Festival will feature performances by Tom Segura (NETFLIX, COMEDY CENTRAL), Christopher Titus (TITUS, FOX, HISTORY CHANNEL), Kate Flannery (THE OFFICE), Kel Mitchell (GAME SHAKERS, GOOD BURGER), Jimmy Dore (JIMMY KIMMEL, COMEDY CENTRAL), Jimmy Pardo (CONAN, NEVER NOT FUNNY), Andy Dick (BEN STILLER SHOW, ANDY DICK SHOW), Tom Green (LATE SHOW, FREDDY GOT FINGERED), Joey Media (ORIGINAL LATIN KINGS OF COMEDY, CHOLO COMEDY SLAM), and some of the hottest up-and-coming talent from around the world.

In addition to more than 50 shows, there will be back-to-back celebrity podcasts, underground showcases, comedy workshops, industry panels, and afterparties held at numerous venues throughout Downtown Burbank. Festival passes, individual show tickets, and special hotel rates are available at www.burbankcomedyfestival.com

"In just three years, the Burbank Comedy Festival has emerged as a top national event with a high calibre of talent, and has earned the respect of comedians and the industry as a whole," states Barbara Holliday, festival co-producer and owner of Flappers Comedy Club. "The search for the next comedy superstar will continue with this year's incredible lineup of performers."

The 3rd annual festival will pair more than 200 emerging comedians with established headliners, offering the next generation of talent the opportunity to perform and connect with top entertainment professionals, to encourage live comedy, and to do some funny business. For a complete list of performers, please visit <http://bit.ly/29mEftC>.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Among the more than 50 shows presented during the festival, the following performances promise to sell out fast!

- **You Never Know with Andy Dick**, Sunday, August 14 at 9:00 PM.
- **Joey Medina & Friends**, Monday, August 15 at 7:00 PM
- **Tom Green**, Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 PM.
- **Songs in the Key of Funny with the Lampshades**, the funniest fake lounge act in Hollywood starring Kate Flannery and Scot Robinson, Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 PM.
- **Best of the Fest with Kel Mitchell** headlining the 9:00 PM show summarizing the funniest moments from the festival, Sunday, August 20. Other Best of the Fests occur at 7:00 PM, 8:30 PM, and 10:30 PM.

· **Funny Business Finale.** A big bash with live music, video highlights, and free appetizers, Sunday, August 20 at 11:00 PM.

LIVE CELEBRITY PODCASTS

Unique among festivals, the Burbank Comedy Festival will present five podcasts tapings in front of live studio audiences. It's a chance to engage with top comedians as they record their top-rated weekly shows, Monday through Friday at 5:00 PM.

- **Your Mom's House.** A hugely successful podcast hosted by Tom Segura and Christina Pazsitzky. If you enjoy 7th grade humor, you will love YMH! Monday, August 15, 5:00 PM
- **The Titus Podcast,** with Christopher Titus and Rachel Bradley. Discussing news of the day, politics, woes of our society, every-day idiots and an occasional hero. Tuesday, August 16, 5:00 PM.
- **The Jimmy Dore Show Podcast.** An irreverent and humorous take on daily headlines, providing the unvarnished truth with a twist of funny. Wednesday, August 17, 5:00 PM
- **Never Not Funny with Jimmy Pardo.** Offering fans the opportunity to eavesdrop on freewheeling conversations between Pardo and his sometimes famous, always funny friends. Thursday, August 18, 5:00 PM.
- **Foster the Podcast.** Justin Foster and life coach Kristie Royster weave hilarious stories and interviews with relationship advice. Friday, August 19, 5:00 PM.

FAMILY FUN EVENTS

Kids will have the opportunity to learn, laugh, and engage at two events crafted specially for the young at heart!

- **Two Milk Teeny Titans.** The funnest way for kids to spend the weekend with outlandish, zany and outright amazing comedy magicians, jugglers, musicians, kids comedians, puppeteers, and novelty acts led by resident host and emcee, Michael Rayner and friends. Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 4:30 PM.
- **Improv For Kids!** A high energy class for kids ages 7-13 introducing the basics of comedy led by veteran improv teacher Steve Saracino. Saturday, August 20 at 12:00 PM.

INDUSTRY PANELS

Entertainment industry professionals from Netflix, National Lampoon, and comedy club owners from across the country will participate with Q&As and meet-and-greets including:

- **Club Owners and Bookers Panels,** Tuesday, August 16, and Wednesday, August 17 at 2:00 PM. Gain insight into the inner workings of nationally recognized comedy clubs from the perspective of the people who own, run, and book them!
- **Casting and Comedy Development Panel,** Wednesday, August 17 at 2:00 PM. The minds behind highly successful shows on Netflix, the Game Show Network, and more discuss guiding talent from the inception of a show to the finished product.
- **Agents and Managers Panel,** Thursday, August 18 at 2:00 PM. Industry insiders from DSA, Innovative Artists, Levity, and more explain the role agents and managers play in comedian development.
- **College Agent Panel,** Friday, August 19 at 2:00 PM. The nation's top college agents explain how to break into the lucrative college circuit.
- **Comedy Etiquette Panel,** Saturday August 20 at 1:00 PM. Top managers and entertainment attorneys give guidance on how performers should approach industry professionals.

COMEDY WORKSHOPS

More than 20 workshops featuring professional comedians, writers, and industry leaders will offer in-depth instruction on honing the comedy craft, breaking into comedy-related entertainment, and more. Highlights include:

- The Foundations of Comedy Intensive, Sunday, August 14 at 11:00 AM.
- Developing Your Sitcom Pilot, Monday, August 15 at 10:00 AM.
- How to Get an Agent, Tuesday, August 16 at 2:00 PM.
- The Art of Pitching Your Comedy Project, Wednesday, August 17 at 10:00 AM.
- Writing for Late Night TV, Thursday, August 18 at 10:00 AM.
- Intro to Producing Comedy Videos Online, Friday, August 19 at 10:00 AM.

For further complete listings of shows, podcasts, special events, panels, and workshops, please visit www.burbankcomedyfestival.com

WHEN: Sunday, August 14 through Saturday, August 20, 2016.

WHERE: Flappers Comedy Club & Restaurant, 102 Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91502.

FESTIVAL PASSES: VIP \$350 (access to all events); General Admission \$250 (excludes special events). www.burbankcomedyfestival.com

INDIVIDUAL SHOW TICKETS: Prices vary, plus two-item minimum per person – any combination of food and beverage. www.burbankcomedyfestival.com

HOTEL BOOKINGS: Five Burbank hotels are offering special discounts for festival attendees, <http://reservations.visitburbank.com/hotel/list/8325/m3288>

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