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TCCF Full Schedule Released, Tickets on Sale Now!

Nearly 40 comics from across the state and country performing in Traverse City

Dozens of comedians from across the country and events ranging from improv shows and roast battles to all-star showcases and stand-up sets round out the full schedule of the Traverse City Comedy Fest, to be held February 2-4, 2023 in Traverse City.

Tickets are on sale now at TCComedyFest.com for all events at the 2023 festival, which is proudly sponsored by Traverse City Tourism.

In addition to previously announced headliners – including Maria Bamford, Tom Papa, ISMO, Dean Edwards, and Jackie Kashian – the 2023 Traverse City Comedy Fest will feature a wide variety of national, state, and local performers. The list includes such acclaimed performers as Adrienne Chalepah – an actress on “Reservation Dogs” and “Rutherford Falls” who formed the first femme-powered Native American stand-up comedy group – and Brad Wenzel, a product of the Detroit comedy scene who’s made three stand-up appearances on “CONAN” and debuted his album “Sweet Nothings” on Jack White’s Third Man Records label.

Numerous notable Michigan comics will make appearances, including Norm Stulz, Tam White, Camila Ballario, T. Barb, Andy Beningo, Bill Bushart, Kara Coraci, Sal Demilio, Ann Duke, Mike Geeter, Bret Hayden, Melanie Hearn, Jason Jamerson, Rob Jenkins, Johanna Medranda, Bob Phillips, Roni Shanell, Mike Stanley, Chris Young, Matt Zerilli, Josh Paul, and more. Other

renowned performers including Josh Adams, Mike Ball, Matt Cobos, Connie Ettinger, Mike Logan, Nardos Osterhart, Derek Richards, Cam Rowe, Harris Stanton, Danielle Thralow, and Ricarlo Williams-Winston will all appear at the Traverse City Comedy Fest.

Events at the festival will include the “Daily Dozen Comedy Show,” featuring 12 comedians on stage telling their best and funniest jokes, and “Shots Fired,” a stand-up showcase hosted by touring headliners Mike Stanley and Matt Cobos featuring a mix of comics delivering rapid-fire sets in a round-by-round gauntlet of jokes. Hosted by Mike Ball, “The Future of Comedy” will spotlight some of the best up-and-coming comics in the nation (past performers have gone on to appear on “Saturday Night Live,” Comedy Central, HBO, BET, and Showtime). Roastmaster Mike Logan will host the “Roast Battle,” a one-night-only, single-elimination roast battle tournament featuring eight comics battling each other to a cash prize, with judges and the audience deciding the winners.

Comedy events for all ages and tastes will be available at the 2023 festival. Prefer your comedy clean? Don’t miss the “Clean Comedy Showcase,” featuring some of the best clean comedians for all ages and jokes you can repeat at school and work that won’t get you into trouble! Those feeling more risqué can check out “The Dirty Show,” a late-night set with X-rated comics whose jokes run from saucy to salacious. The “Eyes Up Here Comedy Show” will feature five of the best female comics in the Detroit area bringing non-stop laughs and unique perspectives, including T. Barb, Camila Ballario, Kara Coraci, Ann Duke, and Melanie Hearn. The “Best of the Fest Showcase” will highlight an all-star cast of festival performers, and audiences can enjoy five headliners for the price of one in “Joke’s On You,” a showcase of Michigan legends including Mike Logan, Mike Geeter, Robert Jenkins, Ricarlo Williams-Winston, and Cam Rowe. Michigan performers are also on display in the “Next Up Showcase,” featuring some of the state’s best and brightest rising stars.

Comedy fans won’t want to miss one-of-a-kind festival events including “Hip Prov with Tam White,” an improv game show where comics and improvisers compete in short-form improv games and hip-hop challenges (audience members get to join in the fun by providing suggestions). And in the “Comedy Rumble,” host Bret Hayden will line up 30 comedians to each perform 90 seconds of their best comedy. A panel of comedian judges will score the jokes to find the top four finalists, who will engage in another 90-second face-off to crown an ultimate winner!

Performers from across northern Michigan will also be highlighted at the 2023 festival. Comedy duo Matt Zerilli and Josh Paul will host the “Kamikaze Comedy Show” highlighting the funniest comedians in the Traverse City area. Traverse City-based improv group Good on Paper will perform fast-paced improv based on audience suggestions – every show is memorable and unique! And Tilt Think Improv will present “Tilted: A Comic Variety Show,” featuring the Tilt Think ensemble plus special guests performing sketch comedy, parody songs, comic storytelling, and improvised short and long-form scenes.

Tickets for all events are on sale now at TCComedyFest.com and range from \$15-25 for most festival events, with headlining shows ranging from \$35-\$45. The festival will take place February 2-4 at venues including the City Opera House, Traverse City Comedy Club, Encore 201, The Workshop Brewing Company, Hotel Indigo, and Delamar Traverse City. The 2023 Traverse City Comedy Fest is proudly presented by Traverse City Tourism, a nonprofit corporation that serves as the area's official destination organization. Traverse City Tourism works to enhance, reinforce, and develop the northern Michigan brand for potential visitors through advertising, marketing, trade shows, publications, media relations, and visitor center services. Its experienced and knowledgeable team members are motivated by pride for their community and a desire to advance its economic well-being without sacrificing the values of the region. For details on lodging, attractions, and area events, visit traversecity.com.

More comics for the listed shows are expected to be announced in December.

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