

***Largest Students of Stand-up Show Returns to Camino Real Playhouse
Graduation shows feature 14 of Orange County's newest comedians***



If standing in front of people and talking is one of the top three fears people have, then obviously fourteen people didn't get that memo. The newest and largest group of aspiring comedians to come through Tom Riehl's 6 week *Students of Stand-up* comedy workshop will be taking the stage on Saturday, March 22, this time having to split the festivities into two shows. "The only choice we had was to do two separate shows", says Riehl, "this way everyone has a decent amount of time on stage."

During the past six weeks, comedy newbies have learned everything from basic joke writing skills and stage technique to minimizing stage fright and how to turn your life experiences into usable comedy material. Graduating performers in the March 22nd show are first timers Rachel Burch (Ladera Ranch), Carli Carter (Redlands), Bob Doll (Aliso Viejo), Carissa Gallo (Capistrano Beach), Greg Huffstutter (Costa Mesa), Doug Ray, Jeff Swan (Dana Point), Mike Swan (San Diego), and Joe Young. Intermediate students include Sandy Hames (Mission Viejo), Judy Mastracchio (Dana Point), Walt Stevens (Fallbrook), Seth Sultan (Trabuco Canyon), and Ellen Tarantino (Mission Viejo). The class is taught by veteran stand-up comedian and Orange County resident Tom Riehl. "I'm totally amazed how this group has pulled it together in such a short time. Everyone's set is completely different from each other. Their friends and family are going to be blown away!"

Riehl, who began his comedy career over twenty years ago, started in the same type of beginner's workshop that he is now teaching. "When I see these people walk into class for the first time, I immediately remember how I felt when I first started. They really deserve a lot of credit for sticking it out and doing something most people would never even consider." A longtime south Orange County resident, Riehl has worked with the likes of Bob Saget, Paula Poundstone, Alonzo Bodden, Shawn Wayans, and James P. Connolly as well as musical acts Berlin, Three Dog Night, Al Jareau, and David Pack of Ambrosia. He was also a winner on ABC's America's Funniest People" and was awarded "Best Clean Comedian" at the Eagle Rock Comedy Festival in Los Angeles. He is a regular guest on south OC's "Breakfast with Gary and Kelly" and has been co-producing a monthly comedy show at the Camino Real Playhouse for the past five years.

Admission is \$12 and certain to fill up quick. Go to www.studentsofstandup.com and reserve your seat TODAY!

When:

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Time:

6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Where:

Camino Real Playhouse

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Admission: \$12

Refreshments available