

Does stardom await 3 comedy grads? See for yourself at May 19 show

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Three area residents will take their shot at becoming the next Jerry Seinfeld or Ellen DeGeneres when they take the stage May 19 at the [Camino Real Playhouse](#) in San Juan Capistrano for the [Students of Stand-up](#) Comedy Graduation Showcase.

Laurie Jacobs, Frankie Pray and Walt Stevens completed a six-week beginning comedy class taught by stand-up comic and longtime Orange County resident [Tom Riehl](#). During the class, they learned basic joke-writing skills, stage technique and how to handle stage fright and hecklers. None has performed stand-up before an audience.

The public show will begin at 8 p.m. at the playhouse, 31776 El Camino Real. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets are \$10 and are [on sale here](#) or at 949-489-8082.

Riehl, who began his comedy career 18 years ago and was a winner on ABC-TV's "America's Funniest People" and host of the cooking show "Food Rules," will be the emcee. Professional comedian [Stephanie Blum](#) will close the evening.

"When I see these people walk into class for the first time, I immediately remember how I felt when I first started," Riehl said in a statement. "They really deserve a lot of credit for sticking it out and doing something most people would never even consider."

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