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**Anna David**  
**Alcohol & Substance Abuse • Wellness • Relationships**

The sex, dating and relationship expert for G4’s *Attack of the Show*, Anna David has given her trademark frank, direct and witty advice to viewers of *The Today Show*, *The CBS Morning Show*, *The Talk* and numerous other programs on E, VH1, MTV and Fox News. She’s also shared her wisdom — and mistakes — with the readers of *The New York Times*, *The LA Times*, *Cosmo*, *Details*, *Playboy* and *Women’s Health*, among many others.

David credits her ability to do this to her sobriety, which she achieved 16 years ago after being addicted to alcohol, cocaine and sleeping pills. The *New York Times* bestselling author of six books, the Founder/Editor of the addiction and recovery site AfterPartyMagazine and the Creator/Editor of the hit storytelling show (and book) *True Tales of Lust and Love*, David is determined to bring awareness, honesty, relief and some humor to those struggling with addiction and relationships.

AfterParty is where David takes the information gleaned from her own experiences and talks about how addiction starts, develops and ends, tracking the role self-esteem, families and genetics play in addiction. AfterParty is designed to help college students conquer self-defeating insecurities, deal with family members who are addicted and take the shame out of mental illness, addiction and self-doubt.

In *The Naked Truth*, David breaks healthy dating and relationships into 10 simple steps. David believes relationships aren’t about being right for another person; they’re about being right with yourself. The Naked Truth is designed to help college students everywhere get honest with themselves about the way they’ve been thinking of romantic relationships, look at what they’ve been doing and work on being the best versions of themselves that they can.

**Anthony Trucks**  
**Empowerment • Leadership • Athlete Training**

**Trust Your Hustle**

You’re worthless. You’re human garbage. You’re destined to fail in life. This is what the world told Anthony growing up in foster care before he decided to be the exception to the rule; but, how he did it is the amazing part. He applied a unique set of skills that he learned throughout life to become what no one, not even himself, believe he could be. Anthony is a former NFL player, runs a successful gym business that he started from scratch 6 years ago, trains professional athletes, works as an international speaker, is author of Chapter 6 of *The Definitive Guide to Youth Athletic Strength, Conditioning & Performance*, was featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, consults to multi-million dollar companies, and is a father to three amazing kids. Anthony brings to his audiences the tools from his life’s experiences that can help you achieve an unexpected life when you learn to Trust Your Hustle.

Anthony says of his methods: “My positive perspective on life is so vastly different than most because I genuinely am thankful for every single day I am given on this earth. I call it “Stupid Optimism”. I ALWAYS look for the positive in my setbacks because I KNOW they exist. Perspective precedes enlightenment, so until you see your issue from a new perspective you won’t figure out what tools you need to overcome it and be successful. The biggest tool necessary for success — work ethic. Perspective allows you to see what tools you need to change, and work ethic allows you the drive to use those tools to achieve the life you want.”
Ash Beckham

Authenticity • LGBT • Diversity • Leadership

Ash Beckham is a bold, dynamic presenter who speaks about empathy, respect, and the power of having real conversations. Online videos of her TEDx talks “Coming Out of Your Closet” and “Owning Your Duality” and her Boulder Ignite speech “I am SO GAY” have gone viral with more than 10 million YouTube views. Significantly, her message has also become a topic of global discussion. Ash reaches millions every day as her inspiring speeches are experienced in classrooms, boardrooms, and auditoriums around the world.

With an arresting blend of urgency and humor, Ash takes on topics like the crippling experience of being trapped in a closet, the difference between tolerance and acceptance, and the need to remove the word “gay” as a pejorative from our lexicon. With wildly funny and poignant stories, and a tough yet deeply compassionate stance, Ash tells us how to take off the armor and be our authentic selves. She tells us how to get REAL.

Ash declares to her audiences “Hard is Hard. There is no Harder. There is only Hard.” She gives us permission to relate to each other as direct, authentic, unapologetic human beings. Rather than serving up candy-coated optimism, her stories offer listeners something more tangible. She elevates her audience beyond empathy into the realm of personal discovery, and challenges every listener to take personal responsibility for creating a much bigger societal shift.

Ultimately, Ash advocates for FREEDOM. Freedom to give voice to your truth, freedom to love without limits, freedom to be the person you were intended to be.

Barry Scott

Black History Month • Diversity • Leadership

Barry Scott is recognized as one of the most versatile practitioners of his art. The founder of the American Negro Playwright Theatre at Tennessee State University, where his parents and grandparents graduated, Scott also has acting credits on television’s I’ll Fly Away and In the Heat of the Night. He is a member of the Screen Actors Guild-American Film Radio & Television Association, Actors Equity Association and serves on the board of the Tennessee Arts Commission. All programs are followed by Q&A.

“Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” – An authority on the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Barry Scott created his tribute to Dr. King to teach a generation of students about one of America’s most violent and inspiring times and the man who mobilized a generation of people and changed the world. In this hour long program, Mr. Scott discusses Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement in his lecture and actually becomes Dr. King recreating some of his most inspiring speeches.

“From I Have a Dream To Yes We Can” – While bigotry and ignorance may still exist, America has now, more than ever before, perhaps faster than anyone thought, fulfilled its promise as the land of opportunity — she shines as a beacon of limitless potential for all her citizens and sends a powerful message to the rest of the world. This program chronicles America’s struggle for equality through the words of Dr. King and Barack Obama as interpreted by Barry Scott.

Other offerings include:

- “Different Doesn’t Mean Wrong: Learning About Diversity”
Brian C. Johnson honors the struggles and accomplishments of the ordinary citizens who launched the Civil Rights Movement by committing himself personally and professionally to the advancement of multicultural and inclusive education.

He serves as a faculty member in the department of academic enrichment at Bloomsburg University and is the director of the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence. Having earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English from California University of Pennsylvania, Brian will soon complete his doctorate in communications media and instructional technology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Brian is the co-author of Reel Diversity: A Teacher’s Sourcebook (2008), winner of the 2009 Chinn Book Award by the National Association for Multicultural Education, and the author of We’ve Scene It All Before: Using Film Clips in Diversity Awareness Training (2009), and Sintimacy: The Christian’s Love Affair with Secret Sin (2009). In the summer of 2016, Brian became a novelist with the publication of his first novel The Room Downstairs.

Reel Diversity (Keynote) — “Diversity” is one of the most challenging subjects for many students to grasp. Exploring the “difference that difference makes” can be difficult because there are so many perspectives and opinions about how it can be presented. Brian’s creative keynote, Reel Diversity, frames the diversity conversation through modern film. By sharing clips of well-known films and discussing the messages they consciously or unconsciously give, Brian allows every student to see himself or herself as diverse. Students laugh and remember some of their favorite movies, and from there, an interactive keynote about multiculturalism can begin.

Johnson, an ordained minister, serves as one of the associate pastors and youth pastor at Revival Tabernacle in Watsontown, PA.

Pricing starts at $3500 + travel & lodging
Average program is 60 minutes + Q&A
Ask about adding an optional book signing
Deanna Latson

Nutrition • Wellness • Athlete Training • Eating Disorders

Deanna Latson has been involved full time in the field of health and wellness since 1999 and has served as a consultant, spokesperson, writer and guest lecturer for some of the largest colleges, universities and corporations in the world. Her clients include over 400 college and universities, corporations such as Smart Water, Pepsi Co. International, the American Heart Association and AT&T. She is also a regular guest expert on Fox, NBC, and San Diego Living TV. Deanna also speaks to college sports teams about their health and well-being. She has been a sought-after motivational speaker in the field of health and wellness for over a decade.

Deanna is living proof that it is possible to completely transform one’s own life through proper education and nutrition. During college, both Deanna’s parents became ill with life-threatening diseases, a situation that spurred Deanna’s own impetus to change her focus towards nutrition. She decided to combine her two passions and apply her speaking talents to the topic of health and wellness. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies with a special emphasis on organizational communication and a Master’s degree in Communication Studies with a special emphasis on health communications. Deanna received her Clinical Nutritionist degree from the Natural Healing Institute. Over the past 16 years, Deanna has been dedicated to her own research and development in the field of natural health and well-being.

“Eat Right. Feel Good. Look Great!”

In this presentation, Deanna transforms audiences with amazing health information. Having suffered with bulimia, excess weight and chronic illness, Deanna dramatically restored herself to great health within one college year, and will tell you how you can do the same.

Daniel Hernandez

Gun Violence • First Generation College Experience

Daniel Hernandez Jr., 24, is a first generation college student and recent graduate from the University of Arizona. While serving as an intern for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords at a constituent event on January 8, 2011, he took actions for which he is widely credited with saving her life after a gunman shot her and 18 other people. His medical training, quick thinking, and brave actions on that day have caused him to be celebrated as a true American hero.

He was an honored guest of the President during the 2011 State of the Union Address. He also addressed President Obama and a crowd of more than 27,000 people and over 500 international media outlets at the “Tucson: Together We Thrive” memorial. Daniel has conducted more than 1750 media interviews in English and Spanish including: ABC’s This Week, NBC’s Today Show, MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow Show, The Fox Report, Univision’s Al Punto, BBC World Service’s Outlook Program, People, CNN’s Piers Morgan Tonight, CBS’s Early Show, and The Washington Post.

Dedicated to public service and advocacy, he has served as a member on the City of Tucson Commission on LGBT issues, as a director on the Arizona Students Association’s Board of Directors, and has advocated for affordable and accessible higher education for all Arizonans. Since 2011, he has been serving on the Sunnyside Unified District’s governing board, fighting for quality education and solving inequities in his district — a minority majority district with over 90% of students on free or reduced lunch and many at or below the federal poverty level.

Programs:
• Overcoming Adversity: A First Generation College Student’s Journey
• The Gun Debate Today
Dean Obeidallah
Islamophobia • Diversity • Religion

“I Want to Be Your Muslim Friend”

Dean Obeidallah is a former lawyer turned comedian, writer, and lecturer. He’s the host of SiriusXM radio’s new weekly program “The Dean Obeidallah Show,” which is the first national radio show to look at issues of the week from the Muslim American point of view.

Dean co-directed the comedy documentary, “The Muslims Are Coming!”, that uses comedy to counter anti-Muslim bigotry and features celebrities like The Daily Show’s Jon Stewart. He has appeared on numerous TV shows including Comedy Central’s The Nightly Show and Axis of Evil special, ABC’s The View, and frequently on CNN and MSNBC.

Dean is also columnist for The Daily Beast and writes frequently for CNN.com Opinion. He has spoken at colleges across the United States and has performed as well as taught stand-up comedy across the Middle East, from Egypt to Saudi Arabia.

Dean co-created the comedy show Stand up for Peace along with Jewish comic Scott Blakeman which they perform at colleges across the country in support of peace in the Middle East and as a way of fostering understanding between Arab, Muslim and Jewish-Americans. He is the co-creator of Comedy Central.com’s critically acclaimed Internet series The Watch List featuring a cast of all Middle Eastern-American comedians performing stand up and sketch comedy. Dean has appeared twice on ABC’s The View, on the nationally syndicated TV series Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen and was one of five comedians profiled in the recent one hour TV special entitled: Stand Up: Muslim-American Comics Come of Age which aired in the US on PBS and internationally on BBC World and Al Jazeera.

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Issues & Ideas

“Excellent artists. We love working with Kirkland Productions. Always excellent presenters and outstanding working relationship with the agent.”

Allison K. Duarte, Program Coordinator
Texas Women’s University
Girls Fight Back was born in direct response to the June 2001 murder of a dynamic, athletic, and loved college student named Shannon McNamara. After Shannon’s death, her friend and sorority sister, Erin Weed, realized the need for practical and empowering options for young women to learn violence prevention and self-defense. Inspired by the way Shannon fought her attacker, Erin immersed herself in training with the best violence prevention experts and self-defense trainers in the world and, from this, developed the GFB seminar. By combining core values, a fun and empowering attitude, and the best safety and self-defense methods available, Girls Fight Back was born. This sisterhood of the traveling badasses continues to grow and strive to make preventing violence and fighting back an approachable topic for everyone with the addition of two other great programs, Students Fight Back (gender neutral and Title IX compliant) and Fight Back on Spring Break (gender neutral and specialized with Spring Break safety tips).

Our program includes these key components:

- Using your intuition
- Safety tips – awareness, eye contact, verbal boundaries
- How to be an active bystander and a good ally
- The definition of consent
- How to support a survivor
- How to set boundaries that work for you
- Verbal de-escalation skills
- The basics of self-defense in our Baddass Ballet (or Terminator Tango)
- Plus a review of improvised weapons, ground fighting, and how to sign up for a full-contact adrenaline based self-defense course near you!

Delivered in a fun and “edu-taining” format that blends straight talk, comedy and good ol’ fashioned ass kicking — the GFB presentation has been seen by over ONE MILLION students since 2001. The unique thing about the GFB programs is that they truly engage and empower students on a serious topic while allowing them to HAVE FUN! Although our programs are only the first step in self-defense, we have countless reports of past audience members saving their lives thanks to what they learned at our seminar.

It is also important to note that learning to fight is not just physical. It is also about boundary setting and having a strong verbal response to sketchy situations. A good verbal response can get you out of a lot of bad situations and avoid escalation to a physical confrontation. The best fight is the one never fought!
Students Fight Back!

Sexual Assault Awareness • Self-Defense • Violence Prevention
Bystander Intervention

In this gender neutral version of Girls Fight Back, we invite men to be a part of the solution so we can all work together to end violence. Students Fight Back adds an expanded section on “How to Be a Good Bystander” to emphasize the importance of taking action on all fronts, not only if you are the one being attacked or threatened. Get involved and make it your business! Other than that, it is our standard kickass presentation per usual by one of our trained speakers who are also certified victim advocates. This program is Title IX compliant and includes all students, even though men are absolutely encouraged to attend and often sponsor the standard Girls Fight Back program.

Before we come to campus, we will provide you with a list of statistics, nationals resources, and definitions for various terms related to the issues of violence to combine with your local and campus resources for handouts at your event.

We look forward to partnering with your Counseling Center, Campus Police, Women’s Center, and any other group on campus that would like to be present at the program and share resources. The handout we have created also provides a list of full contact self-defense classes that attendees can take to follow up on their SFB or GFB experience. To see a sample of that, you can download for free our Super Self-Defense Guide at www.studentsfightback.com.

The students absolutely loved the (Students Fight Back) program! We had several students and faculty members comment that this was the best program we’ve had. The information that was provided is so essential and was presented very professionally, yet in a down to earth way that everyone felt comfortable with, no matter the gender or age. The students said they felt empowered and more confident in themselves after attending the program. The bystander information was invaluable. I would enthusiastically recommend this program to all campuses-large and small!”

– Claire Thomason, Director of Student Activities, Lamar State College-Port Arthur

“We had a great time with Students Fight Back and it worked really well. It’s great to have a program like this at a male dominated school. It truly helped open their eyes to the realities of the world!”

– Mike Keegan, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Center, South Dakota School of Mines

“...truly sensational and inspirational. I love that she didn’t make me fearful of attackers or of being attacked. Instead, it made me aware of my surroundings, and her techniques made me feel safer. This presentation is one that I would definitely see again.”

– Suzanne Smith, Texas A&M University
Fight Back on Spring Break!
Sexual Assault Awareness • Self-Defense • Violence Prevention

Fight Back on Spring Break! is a customized version of our program that is gender neutral and includes proactive strategies for Spring Break or travel. Topics include: party situations, hotel security, avoiding predatory drugs, travel tips and avoiding crime targeted at tourists.

Pricing starts at $3850 INCLUSIVE • Average program is 75 minutes + Q&A

The Awkward Hug
How to Set Clear Boundaries, Communicate Them to Others, and Live a More Empowered Life

Have you ever participated in unwanted conversations, hugging, kissing, or even...relationships? Want to know how to handle the awkward without hurting someone’s feelings? We can all experience social anxiety around setting personal boundaries that work for us, but doing so is essential to living a healthy, happy and empowered life. The tools we will learn can be used every day and the practice of them can ultimately lead to making healthier choices in our work relationships, romantic and friendly interactions, and our day to day social exchanges. It can even help you avoid buying those shoes you really couldn’t afford but felt pressured to charge by a pushy salesperson. Join us for an interactive presentation designed to fine tune your intuition and take full control of your choices. This program is an interactive workshop ideal for groups from 10 to 80 people and a perfect add-on to Girls Fight Back, Students Fight Back, or Fight Back on Spring Break.

Pay it Forward
and Spread the Good Word of Personal Safety and Self-Defense

Kirkland Productions in partnership with the Girls Fight Back Team is offering a Pay It Forward special to allow colleges and universities already bringing one of our programs to their campus (Girls Fight Back, Students Fight Back, Fight Back on Spring Break, or The Awkward Hug) to host a second program at a local junior high or high school of their choice for a deeply discounted fee. We know that reaching students at younger ages can be incredibly impactful in helping them live healthier and safer lives, but sadly, those in the greatest need of our message often have the least funding to bring us in. You can be a big part of helping future college students get this training at a younger age. In addition to being useful as a service project for your students, you will have the added benefit of connecting with a student body full of potential future students for your college or university.

For an additional $950 to a standard contracted show, we will provide a second show on a high school/junior high campus within 40 miles of the initial show location on the same day. For an additional $1100 to a standard contracted show, we will provide a second show on a high school/junior high campus the day before or the day after your show date. For more details and to check available dates, please contact us at booking@kirklandproductions.com and mention the code PAYITFORWARD.

We look forward to partnering with you in creating safer campus communities for everyone.

“I was there with my 14-year-old daughter! So impressive. I am a fire and life safety educator for Massachusetts and can honestly say Nicole’s presentation was by far the best. What a phenomenal organization! Keep up the fantastic work.” — Liz Shannon – Mom from a MA Community Event
IMPACT Personal Safety

Self-Defense • Sexual Assault Prevention • Personal Safety

Knowing you can handle yourself in any physical situation means you carry yourself differently. If you believe your life is worth fighting for, you’re likely to believe your ideas, health and happiness are worth it too. When you are able to communicate clearly what you want or need from any situation, you assess people differently, you value yourself differently, and people listen to you differently. Your personal safety skills turn into healthy communication skills that translate to all areas of your life. We offer dynamic, empowering, self-defense, assertiveness, boundary-setting classes encompassing verbal strategies, awareness skills, and yes, full-force physical assailant defense. Our training is focused on prevention of and recovery from assault as it puts students in touch with their innate power regardless of size, strength, fitness or (dis)ability level. We are women and men working together to say no to violence.

Some of the programs we offer include:

Intro Workshop – standard workshop is 3 hours
Basic Series (can be offered for mixed gender groups or for men only or women only) – standard series is 20 hours

Intro and Basic Series courses are designed to include content such as:

- Awareness and Intuition
- Avoidance and that the best fight is the one never fought
- Physical Techniques: Heel/Palm/Knee
- Verbal Strategies: Stranger and Familiar
- Verbal Drills
- Combo of verbal and physical scenarios

Pricing starts at $2000 + travel & lodging

Basic program is 3 hours

Issues & Ideas

IMPACT Personal Safety

Mental Health • Addiction • Inclusion • Social Justice

Mental illness and addiction are epidemics in our society and on campuses. Many people face their struggles in isolation. Open and public communication about mental illness and addiction can reduce stigma associated with both illnesses and encourage individuals to seek help.

Jason DeShaw is a cowboy from Montana and an award-winning mental health speaker and singer/songwriter. He grew up working on a farm and fell in love with singing country music during college. He has toured as a professional musician across the US, Canada, and Europe and has shared the stage with national country music acts including Little Big Town. But, in 2010, mental illness changed his life forever. DeShaw suffered a severe mania while on tour, and doctors diagnosed him with bipolar disorder and alcoholism. As he began to recover, DeShaw became an advocate for mental illness and recovery by combining his story and songs into a presentation entitled Serenity in the Storm.

In this powerful presentation, DeShaw speaks personally of his lived experiences, interwoven with original songs that soundtrack his life’s struggles and triumphs. The event is honest and poignant and, while providing audiences with insight into the challenges of living with mental illness and addiction, he seeks to bring hope to those in despair over their own or a loved one’s struggle, and the encouragement to seek help.

Since 2013, he has presented at colleges, theaters, and psychiatric lock-down units across America, touching countless hearts. He is the recipient of the 2014 Champions Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) that recognizes an individual who is working to reduce stigma by “exhibiting courage, leadership and service on behalf of people with mental illness.”

“IT was the most moving and impressive thing I’ve ever witnessed in relation to helping people understand the essence and importance of mental disorders.” –Dr. Matt Byerly, University of Texas Southwest
Jean Franzblau

Sex Education • Relationships • Wellness

Jean Franzblau is a sex educator with a background in entertainment. She uses her flair for comedy to memorably provide students with useful information to help them make sexual decisions that are right for them.

Whether the subject is safer sex, the use of substances or the critical importance of consent, sexuality can be a complex business. Jean creates a positive and safe, LGBTQ-friendly environment, where all students can question, learn and laugh together.

Having honed her craft leading hundreds of workshops and trainings across the U.S. and abroad, Jean tailors her presentations and performances to meet the special needs of each group. Jean’s programs include real life scenarios, discussions and exercises and are designed for interaction and fun. She is the mentor, coach and expert that students can rely on for real information and compassionate straight talk.

With her background as a writer and performing artist, Jean created the solo show Coming Out Kinky – A Grown Up Comedy which she has performed across the country and has created several interactive and educational programs for college campuses including The Real Sex Ed, Sex Ed for Women (What Mom Forgot to Tell You), and Cuddle Sanctuary: The Power of Healthy, Human Touch. Jean has been featured on Comedy Central, BuzzFeed, TLC, FusionTV, and Playboy Radio.

“Kirkland is always professional and outstanding in every way and I almost exclusively use them for performers and novelty acts. Great company, fast response time.”

Ashlie R. Daigle, Director of Student Involvement
Centenary College of Louisiana

Pricing starts at $3000 + travel & lodging
Average program is 60 minutes
Jonathan Rauch
Diversity • Media & Journalism • Political Issues

Jonathan Rauch is one of the country’s most versatile and original writers on government, society, and gay issues. A senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, he is the author of six books and many articles and has received the magazine industry’s two leading prizes — the National Magazine Award and the National Headliner Award. Major topics of his writing and speeches include:

• “The Real Roots of Midlife Crisis,” a pathbreaking Atlantic magazine cover article and book
• Gay marriage and gay rights, the subject of his books Gay Marriage: Why It is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America and Denial: My 25 Years Without a Soul
• Free speech and political correctness, the subject of his book Kindly Inquisitors: The New Attacks on Free Thought
• Why government is broken and how to fix it, the subject of Political Realism and Government’s End: Why Washington Stopped Working


Programs:
• The U-Curve: The Surprising New Science of Happiness and Age
• Gay Marriage, Gay Rights, and Religious Freedom: What’s Next?
• In Defense of Prejudice, or, If You Hate Me, Speak Up: Why Minorities Should Oppose Speech Codes
• Political Realism: How Hacks, Machines, Big Money, and Back-Room Deals Can Strengthen American Democracy

John Corvino
LGBT Issues • Diversity

On our campuses, in social media, and in politics, divisive soundbites have replaced real dialogue. Dr. John Corvino can help. Using his trademark combination of logical precision, sensitivity, and humor, he creates space for productive conversations about pressing contemporary issues.

His current programs include:

Homophobia, Islamophobia, and Nuanceophobia – which explains intersectionality and discusses how to confront religion-based bigotry without “punching down” at marginalized groups

“Our God’s Authority”: Religious Liberty in a Marriage-Equality World – which explores emerging conflicts about same-sex marriage, wedding providers, and clerks

“Haters,” “Sinners,” and the Rest of Us: The LGBT Debate Today – which shows how culture-war rhetoric hinders productive dialogue.

With many more options, including debates and custom programs.

With 25 years’ speaking experience, Dr. Corvino has presented at over 200 campuses. His academic credentials — he’s Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Wayne State University — make him a good choice for campuses that appreciate faculty support for their programming.

He has written for the New York Times, the Detroit Free Press, the Los Angeles Times, The New Republic and numerous other publications. He is the author of What’s Wrong with Homosexuality? and the co-author (with Maggie Gallagher) of Debating Same-Sex Marriage, as well as the forthcoming Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination — all from Oxford University Press.

His YouTube videos have over 1.3 million views.
Marriage and “Culture War” Debates

In recent years, public opinion has shifted dramatically in favor of same-sex marriage, especially in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Obergefell decision. But this shift has led to new conflicts, as well as questions about how to coexist in a society where diverse sides have strong convictions. How do we balance religious-liberty claims with anti-discrimination principles? Should dissenters be allowed to refuse to provide services (such as photography or cake design) for same-sex weddings? And what is marriage for, anyway?

With over two decades’ experience as a bridge-builder in the culture wars, John Corvino is available for debates and dialogues on these and other hot-button topics. He has participated in dozens of debates with prominent social conservatives such as Sherif Girgis and Ryan T. Anderson, co-authors of What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense; Glenn Stanton of Focus on the Family; and Maggie Gallagher of the National Organization for Marriage, with whom he co-authored the book Debating Same-Sex Marriage (the only book ever to be endorsed by both Dan Savage and Senator Rick Santorum!).

More recently, he and Matthew Lee Anderson, lead writer at MereOrthodoxy.com and a rising young Christian leader, have developed the lively and crowd-pleasing program “A Gay Man and an Evangelical Walk into a Bar: Frank Talk in the Culture Wars.” Corvino’s next book with Girgis and Anderson, entitled Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination, is forthcoming Spring 2017.

No matter the debate opponent, Corvino will work with them to model for audiences how it is possible to disagree vigorously while pursuing a respectful and productive dialogue.
MICHAEL WIGGE

Global Awareness • Personal Growth • Community Building

Working as a reporter & writer for fifteen years, award-winning German TV host Michael Wigge specializes in incredible challenge stories. How to Travel the World for FREE, How to Barter for Paradise (where he turned an apple into a Hawaiian dream house just by bartering for bigger, better things), and How to Travel 2000 Miles on a Razor Scooter in 80 Days are just three of his seven travel series. He has shared his journeys on both the Tonight Show with Jay Leno and the Today Show. His TV shows and books have been broadcasted and published internationally and he has harnessed these experiences into a series of keynotes and presentations focused on creativity, persistence, self-motivation, and courage. Michael is living proof that the sky is not the limit, nor are there any limits at all. His keynotes show how opening your mind to new adventures and striving for ambitious goals can lead to incredible results and a really fun time.

How to Travel the World for FREE and How to Barter for Paradise were published in the winter of 2013/2014 by Skyhorse Publishing. How to Travel the World for FREE ran for the second year on PBS in several US markets. At the end of 2013, Wigge was awarded the silver Columbus Award by the ‘Vereinigung Deutscher Reisejournalisten’ (Association of German Travel Journalists).

In 2014, Wigge received both the Houston and Accolade Awards at Worldfest-Houston for his work on his Germany By Scooter adventure.

MOE SPENCER

Legal Issues • Social Justice • Political Issues

Smoke Screen: Under the Influence of Marijuana Politics & Power

Over 800,000 people are arrested for marijuana possession in the US each year – this in the same country where our founding father, George Washington, grew marijuana on his farm. Now legal marijuana is one of the fastest growing industries in the US. Merwin Moe Spencer is a marijuana attorney and will introduce you to the history of marijuana growth and its use in the US, the political reasons for why it became illegal, and the origins of its classification as a Schedule 1 Narcotic (the same classification given to heroin). Nixon’s mandate for its Schedule 1 classification has had far-reaching consequences on areas from the economy to race relations and continues to color our politics today. The climate is changing and people are divided on this issue. Moe equips his audience with the historical and legal facts to make up their own minds on this controversial topic.

This 60-minute program includes these components:

• An understanding of the legal history of marijuana in the US as well as the distinctions between Schedule 1, 2, and 3 narcotics
• An understanding the roles that capitalism, politics, and racism played in the vilification and criminalization of marijuana
• A clarification of the difference between Medicinal and Recreational Marijuana
• An explanation of the legal conflict with marijuana state laws and federal laws
• A review of how tax revenue is earned and utilized from the legalization of marijuana

“I booked Moe for a talk on marijuana at our special 420 event. He was super engaging and did a great job. I would highly recommend him coming to your function or school to speak.” – Julie Westcliff

Assistant Director, Center for Student Engagement & Leadership - Edmonds Community College, WA
The Muslims Are Coming!

Diversity • Islamophobia • Political Issues

Can a group of Muslim comedians counter the haters by performing free stand up shows across the Deep South? Can comedy incite social change? Will people show up or even, you know, laugh?

Well, that’s exactly the gist of the The Muslims Are Coming! — a comedy documentary about a band of Muslim-American comedians who tour the country to combat Islamophobia. These Muzzies not only perform standup at each tour stop but create ridiculous interventions in unsuspecting town squares, like the ol’ classic, “Ask a Muslim Booth.” Throughout the film, comedy icons like The Daily Show’s Jon Stewart, David Cross, Janeane Garofalo, Colin Quinn, Lewis Black, Aasif Mandvi and broadcast heavy weights like Rachel Maddow, Soledad O’Brien and Russell Simmons comment on the power of comedy and the political scope of bigotry.

Screenings of the film are followed by a Q&A with directors (and comedians) Negin Farsad & Dean Obeidallah. Throughout the making of the movie, they did Q&A’s like this around the country. One thing became abundantly clear: they give good Q&A! Obeidallah was a practicing lawyer before being a comic. Farsad has a graduate degree in public policy, later serving as a senior policy advisor for the City of New York. They both bring with them a depth of social justice analysis that the average comedian might not have, with the hilarity that the average policy maker definitely does not have. This makes for an engaging, educational and above all funny look at the issues facing Muslims and immigrants of all stripes. As speakers, they will not only enrich audience understanding of racial, religious and ethnic divisions in this country, but they’ll do it while entertaining them. And rest assured, you’ve never laughed this hard at a Muslim! (Ask about adding an additional comedy show.)

Richard Hight’s Visual Impact

Motivation • Student Engagement • Community Building

Richard Hight, world acclaimed speaker, author and artist, transcends barriers of age, culture and occupation. Effortlessly enthralling diverse audiences with his message of possibilities, creativity and “burst out of the box” thinking, Richard addresses and embodies hope and dogged determination. His struggle to overcome Dyslexia through school and beyond has especially gifted him to help his audiences understand that the very qualities that make them different can make them great. Experience what education administrators call a “rare gift that parlays a unique talent as an artist with a meaningful message to captivate and motivate educators and students alike.”

With a prolific body of work and a resume that spans various nations and disciplines he has thrilled audiences ranging from concerts to Fortune 500 Companies and everything in between. His artwork is housed in numerous major universities throughout the country. His visual style and ability to engage audiences are unparalleled; he brings the “WOW” factor every time.

Richard’s presentation is a highly practical program that inspires and maps out a clear vision for making a difference. By seamlessly combining art, music and the spoken word, he creates a dynamic message with staying power. His audiences learn, and when the presentation concludes, you keep the original canvas as a visual reminder of the life-changing moments shared.
**Ryan Bell**

**Religion • Community Building • Personal Growth**

**Finding Meaning and Purpose Beyond Belief: Lessons from My Year Without God**

A Pew Research Center study revealed that one-fifth of the U.S. public and a third of adults under 30 reject religious affiliation. How do we help the next generation understand community and their power to impact their world for good with or without religion? For 19 years, Ryan Bell was a Christian pastor and educator serving congregations, communities, universities, and seminaries from suburban Philadelphia to Los Angeles. In 2013, he left the church and began a yearlong journey exploring the limits of theism and the atheist landscape that he documented in his blog, www.YearWithoutGod.com. CNN, NPR, the BBC, the LA Times covered his spiritual journey, the eventual shift in his beliefs, and how to find meaning and purpose in a world beyond faith and religion. Ryan combines deep personal insights with penetrating cultural analysis to motivate audiences to think critically and live deeply, despite their faith or lack thereof.

Ryan’s program is designed to help his audience:

- Identify, name, and accept the experience of being agnostic, atheist, or post-religious
- Understand compelling reasons to do good and live well with or without religion
- Learn practical tools to create meaningful community between religious and non-religious students on campus
- Nurture the ethical culture of your campus by helping students form life-long secular values.

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**Ron Placone**

**Media & Journalism • Academic Success • Empowerment**

**Battling Political Apathy**

Ron Placone speaks on the importance of civic engagement and how to think critically about contemporary media and politics. He explains the significance and importance of voting, what it means to be civicly engaged, and how to navigate the media coverage and political advertising during election seasons and in general. A comic with a passion for the issues, Ron will make you laugh, think and gasp with disbelief in the same hour. Using examples from current events, Ron takes the audience on a tour of the contemporary media structure and political landscape that is bound to challenge the way “we the people” consume the news and engage as citizens with a program that can only be described as “equal parts funny, fascinating and frightening.”

**Student Burnout Workshop**

This workshop will give you tips and techniques on what to avoid as a full-time student and, if you are experiencing difficulty, how to navigate through that difficult semester and stay on track.


A workshop for anyone looking to become a radio personality or online content creator for a career.

Ron hosts the nationally-syndicated radio show, *Indie Bohemians*, has been featured on SiriusXM and TMZ, is part of the Young Turks Network, and tours the country as both a speaker and stand-up. As an academic, Ron has been published in the *Journal of Contemporary Rhetoric*.
Stevie Tran

Diversity • Title IX • Awareness/Education • Transgender Inclusion

Stevie Tran is an attorney, published author, and speaker whose scholarship focuses on the intersection of the struggle for legal and social recognition by the transgender community. Stevie received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Hofstra University School of Law, where she was a member of the LGBT Rights Fellowship — the only program in the nation that trains attorneys on LGBT legal and policy matters as a centerpiece of their legal education. She has experience working for a federal judge, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Stevie's experience, both personal and professional, provides a critical and needed perspective to conversations of inclusion and diversity. As an alumna member, she remains actively involved with her national fraternity — an organization founded to develop character and leadership in queer and allied men. Her experience ideally situates her to help you, your organization, and your campus find a way for all interested students to have a fulfilling college experience and to access the benefits and activities on campus.

It's More Than Just Sports: An Introduction to Title IX and How It Affects You

This program serves as an introduction to Title IX, explores how it works, and identifies the individuals who have responsibilities under the law. It will set forth the most common incidents — as well as growing trends involving diverse populations like transgender.

“I’m Not a Boy Anymore”: Understanding the Transgender Identity

This program shines a light on the transgender identity through a personal, first-hand narrative of the struggles associated with finding self-acceptance, rejecting cultural expectations, and overcoming stereotypes in daily life.

“Speaking Out”

The Stacey Lannert Story

Domestic Violence Awareness • Women's Issues
Sexual Assault Awareness • Political Issues

Stacey was released from prison in January 2009 where she served 18 years for fatally shooting the man who raped her from ages 8 through 18. That man was her father. The governor granted her clemency in 2009, and within 6 days, she walked out of the prison gates. Through the power of love and forgiveness, she created a meaningful life for herself from behind bars, helping troubled teens find strength to tell their stories of abuse through a program called Outreach. She even helped two of them prosecute their abusers.

Her topics of discussion include: How to spot sexual and emotional abuse and what to do about it; The importance of speaking up, telling the truth and never being ashamed of who you are; The power of hope, forgiveness and helping others; And the legal system that can still be antiquated in how it deals with sexual abuse and women.

In May 2009, Stacey brought her message to The Oprah Winfrey Show and she has also appeared on Nancy Grace, 20/20, Larry King Live, Piers Morgan Tonight, The Joy Behar Show, and Montel Williams. She has created a popular, active non-profit organization and website called HealingSisters.org with a message to help others however she can. Stacey doesn’t believe that any of us are victims no matter what we’ve been through. As we work on ourselves and work to heal the world, we all become victors. Stacey’s auto-biography, Redemption: A Memoir of Sisterhood, Survival and Finding Freedom Behind Bars was released by Random House in 2011.

Stacey is a Juris Doctorate candidate for 2017 at the University of Missouri School of Law and a Law Review Associate Member.
Campus Escapes

Campus Escapes brings the worldwide craze of live escapes to your school. Room escapes began with the 90’s point-and-click adventure PC games that focused on searching and puzzle solving. A live escape puts you inside the game with a team to physically participate in the story. This activity, besides being great entertainment, is designed to get a group focused on leadership and team building as they work together using the available tools combined with logic to escape the room in a set period of time. For those groups that don’t solve the puzzle in time, they still get out of the room to take a group pic and the post-game talk begins on where they could have worked together better to accomplish the mission. The groups that do get out in time get bragging rights and a picture.

We have two rooms to choose from and both are fun and funny team challenges that have a story unfolding as the participants play. If you choose to bring two rooms, you can bring one of each to allow players to have story options.

**The Philosopher** – The final project for Dr. Allister Longbottom’s Intro to Philosophy class is a team paper, but the one member tasked with submitting it has made a disastrous mistake and sent the, embarrassingly, wrong file. Nobody wants Dr. Longbottom to get the last (very maniacal) laugh. Your group has managed to solicit the aid of a helpful GA who offers to let you all into Dr. Longbottom’s office, overseeing your attempts to gain access to his computer and delete the offending file. You’ve only got 25 minutes before he’s back for office hours — his angriest time of the day. Can you do it?

**The Mystery on Mount Olympus** – When a group of you realize that you are descendants from the Greek Gods, you go to Mount Olympus to attempt a takeover. Charon, who is normally ferrying people across the River Styx in Hades, is lurking around while the gods are off crashing a festival. With them out of the picture, Zeus’s lightning bolt is ripe for the taking. The precious object is imbued with all of Zeus’ power—enough to install you all as the new 21st century Pantheon. If you win, Charon will expect a reasonable job up in Olympus for helping you. He is tired of being stuck in hell, so he wants you to win. But, if you need a hint you will have to bribe him with a gold coin …Charon doesn’t work for free. You’ve got 25 minutes. Remember … the gods and goddesses have many combined hours of practice at turning humans into animals. Let the games begin!

The format of both games is like the spokes of a wheel, not in a linear progression. So, there are several puzzles that can be played by different members of the group at the same time that will each produce a piece of the final puzzle that is played as a group. This allows maximum participation and encourages team work.

One fun twist on our rooms is that an actor is in the room with the team the whole time and is part of the story. The actor will lead the group in and keep the time, as well as do the wrap-up after the game is over. Teams can be comprised of 2 - 12 people and the game runs as a 25 minute event. At the conclusion of each game, there is a 10 minute break while the team that has just completed the challenge finds out how they did and what they missed (if they didn’t escape), takes team pictures, and the room is reset for the next team.

“The actor was great. The students loved him and thought he was wonderful to work with… Everyone really enjoyed the room and thought it was a smart idea.”
– Jason Meier, Director of Student Activities - Emerson College

“The event went fabulously, we got nothing but positive feedback. The event drew a more diverse crowd in terms of age and campus involvement and they all left asking for us to bring you guys back. Our club really liked working with Brian and I personally thought he was a great contribution to the overall experience in the room. The clues allowed groups to both split up and work together. We got to experience and sometimes hear groups ‘collaborating’ together with high energy. Thank you very much for making such a wonderful experience.”
– Brooke Umbra, University Programming Board Member - Union College

“Campus Escapes was a hit! We probably turned away enough students for 2 - 3 more rounds before word spread the slots were filled. I think we’ll definitely be interested in having it back sometime this academic year to try the other room. Brian was great to work with, too.”
– Edie McCracken, Director Memorial Union - Fort Hays State University

**Showcasing NACA West 2016**

Pricing starts at $2950 INCLUSIVE for the four hour event and $5400 INCLUSIVE for two simultaneous rooms
**Campus Flix: Drive-In Movies**

Smell the popcorn in the air!! Campus Flix Drive-In Movies combines the authentic charm of the classic drive-in movie with the finest in modern technological innovation. Prepare for a joyful surge of nostalgia as your campus is transformed into a drive-in cinema. Indoor or outdoor; single or double-feature, and you choose the feature films. A standard booking includes an on-site technician, an inflatable movie screen with a 13’ x 26’ viewing area, a DVD player, projection equipment, a microphone for announcements, and a sound system with an option for outdoor speakers or FM radio transmission in your car for a genuine drive-in movie experience. Smaller and larger screens are available — up to 60’ x 110’. If video games are popular on your campus, put them on the big screen! Imagine executing the perfect “end-around” football play, 12-hit kung-fu combo, or flawless dance-move sequence, and having it displayed for everyone to see. Bring your imagination, and Campus Flix Drive-In Movies can tailor any event to your specific needs. Additional fees apply for FM Transmitter, double features, and a generator (if one is required).

Pricing starts at $2500 + travel & lodging
Average program is 2 hours

**Carl Christman - College Mentalist**

Imagine hearing people’s thoughts! Now you know what it’s like to be Carl. He is a teacher, author and mentalist who plays with language, psychology and non-verbal cues to entertain audiences. As a socially awkward teenager, Carl became interested in reading people’s minds. He made an intense study of psychology and became a professor at La Sierra University. Standing in front of a room full of students each day gave Carl plenty of opportunity to play with people’s minds and hone his psychic powers. After years of study, he transcended the world of academia to become a master mentalist. Carl is a member of Hollywood’s famous Magic Castle and The British Society of Mystery Entertainers. In recent years, he has become a remarkably popular entertainer at upscale venues and colleges across the country, where audiences marvel at his ability to get inside their minds.

Mind Reading Stage Show: This show is perfect as the centerpiece of your assembly, orientation or family weekend. Carl combines magic, mind reading, comedy and hypnosis in an audience centered exploration of the mind.

Interpersonal Communication Lecture: In this fun and interactive lecture, students gain the tools to understand and relate to others more effectively.

Rave Reviews:
- “That was amazing.” – Norco College
- “We can’t wait to have Carl back.” – Mt. San Antonio College
- “Best show ever.” – Riverside Community College
- “A true professional.” – Crafton Hills College
- “A huge success.” – Loma Linda University
- “The students loved it.” – Mt. San Jacinto College
- “Wow!!!” – Central Texas College

*Past NACA Showcasing Act*

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Average show is 60 minutes
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Variety & Special Events

Carte Blanche Casino Nights

Each Las Vegas style casino party is tailored to your specific needs and priced by size, number of tables, hours included, and number of dealers. Parties can include dealers for all tables or game monitors who can keep an eye on the event and train your on-site volunteer dealers. No party is too large or too small for our trained, professional, and friendly staff. All parties include set-up, take-down, all necessary accessories, casino cash for buying in and cashing out, and game monitors. Choose from these exciting casino games:

Blackjack • Craps • Let it Ride • Texas Hold ‘Em • Poker • Island Stud • Roulette
Slot Machines • Three Card Poker

Pricing varies based on date, size, hours, and dealer configurations
Average program is 3 hours

Comedy Killers: Murder Mysteries

Each show features a variety of different casts, modern and relevant themes mixed with proven classic mysteries to allow flexibility in both time and budget. Most shows range from a cast of five to six and each can be adapted to be between 90 minutes and 3 hours in length making this a great experience for small groups to audiences of over 400 people. Beginning with a “soft start,” characters mingle with small groups of guests as they arrive. Once all the guests are accounted for, the show takes place in four adaptable parts that are scripted and polished to be sure each and every guest has access and exposure to all the clues needed to solve the crime. Just before the solving of the crime, each guest participate indicating who they think did it. Although there are many possible endings, there is only one clear correct answer per show, but everyone can be a winner depending on the number of prizes you would like to give away (if any). The show concludes by clearing any popular suspects and solving the crime. As every show is different, you never have to worry about seeing the same show twice.

Past NACA Showcasing Act

Pricing starts at $3000 + travel & lodging
Show length is adaptable from 90 minutes – 3 hours

High Flying Adventures
Hot Air Balloons

With High Flying Adventures, the sky is the limit! We offer tethered hot air balloon adventures and balloon GLOW events to college and university campuses that can be personalized for your program. Our FAA commercial licensed pilots come to your campus with a beautiful hot air balloon or balloons to offer a unique form of entertainment and adventure. Tethered balloon events require a site with a 150’ radius in, preferably, a low lying area. The standard balloons holds 3 – 6 passengers, depending on weight, and ride up to 30 – 130 feet. Multiple balloons are available to increase the number of participants. This magical and highly visible event is sure to bring excitement to campus and gather a large crowd. It is also well suited to book in conjunction with one of our photo events, to ensure that each passenger has a souvenir from the day.

Because of wind patterns, we only offer morning and evening flights.

Pricing starts at $3500 + travel & lodging for a 2-hour event. Program length is flexible.
Frank DeVille - Comedy Magic

Frank has a diverse, eclectic show that takes classic illusions and magic tricks and devises completely unique methods of performance. Frank is lauded for drawing huge crowds, part of that success being attributed to the strolling teaser he performs before every show. He captivates individuals with his up-close sleight of hand and impossible tricks mere inches from their eyes. These mini-shows create a huge buzz and guarantee a spectacular turnout. His esteemed awards include the 2008 People’s Choice Award, 2008 and 2009 winner of the Robert Escher Close Up and Parlor Magic Competition, and in 2009 he was awarded first place in the Comedy Caravan's Battle of the Hands.

Stupid Tricks for Clever People: This magic show is a unique blend of side-splitting comedy and jaw-dropping magic. Half Bugs Bunny, half Pepé le Pew, Frank DeVille delivers an hour of hilarious audience interaction and incredible displays of magic! This show includes audience favorites: “Dangerballs!,” “The Italian Six Pack,” and “His Girlfriend’s Favorite Card Trick!” Rating: PG 13

Taking it to the Streets: Frank’s Street Magic Show is capable of roving and can be performed in any situation. Frank is experienced at getting people’s attention and he works the crowd with up close magic and dazzling displays of sleight of hand. This show includes “The Plastic Bag Straight Jacket of Death,” “The Greatest Card Trick Ever!,” and “Money That Grows On Trees.” Rating: PG

Pricing starts at $2150 + travel & lodging for 2 hours

Average program is 60 minutes + optional teaser

Mister Cool - The Ice Cream Man

The Ice Cream Man is on his way to your campus! Our ice cream truck offers eight tasty options of freshly made products to your guests. See below for flavors. All cups, cones, spoons, napkins, straws, etc. are included. The Ice Cream Truck is 100% self-contained and does not require electricity. It needs a 10’ x 20’ space to set up and the magic begins. This program has a 2 hour minimum but can be booked as long as you like with unlimited ice cream and/or slushies per hour. We can serve 350 items per hour. This is great for large outdoor events!

Pricing starts at $2250 + travel and lodging for 2 hours

Production rate: 350 servings per hour

North Coast Hip Hop Improv

North Coast is New York City’s premiere hip hop improv comedy team. The audience provides a suggestion and North Coast will run with it—performing a fully improvised “Hip H'Opera” right in front of your eyes. The show is upbeat and energetic from start to finish and will leave you on the edge of your seat!

North Coast Hip Hop boasts nationally recognized beatboxers on their cast roster. A unique collaboration of hip hop, music, and comedy — North Coast has been wowing audiences at comedy venues, festivals, and universities across the country since 2009. In 2014, they were featured on Slate’s podcast, The Gist. They’ve been described as “mind-blowing” and “next level” but you’ll just have to see it for yourself. And if you don’t know... now you know.

Programs: The Jay-Z • The Rick Ross • The Immortal Technique

“If you can’t decide between going to a comedy show and going to a party, these guys have you covered both ways. Hands down, it’s one of the most fun shows we’ve seen all year.” – Timeout NY
**BEAR CREATIONS**

Choose from bears, tigers, puppies, cats, horses, and many more. We also include “wishing stars” to stuff inside your animal, as well as a “birth certificate” to authenticate your “new arrival.”

We have over 90 bear styles and 150 bear accessory options. In a standard package, you can choose up to 17 different styles. Custom t-shirts, a huge array of clothing and accessories, and fully staffed events are also available at an additional charge. We can custom create larger or smaller packages as well. Specialized themed offerings include: Halloween, winter holidays, Christmas, graduation, sports, St. Patrick’s Day, Easter, Valentine’s Day, Thanksgiving, and more.

Basic Package includes: 204 bears (or other animals) • Stuffing • 204 Birth Certificates • 204 Wishing Stars • Shipping charges

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Reyna Amaya

Reyna is a weirdo only child who stayed out of trouble as a kid by attending circus camp. Now she’s clowning around professionally on stages like the Nokia Theater at LA Live where she opened for Cedric the Entertainer. From the San Francisco Punchline to LA’s Improv and Comedy Store, Reyna continues to attract fans! She can be seen on Bounce TV networks Brkdwn, Magic Johnson’s Aspire TV’s We Got Next and Russell Simon’s All Def Digital series starring Tony Rock, All Def Comedy Nights, starting September 2014. Past NACA Showcasing Act

Gary Anderson

Initially, Gary took a shot at stand-up to check off a box on his bucket list. A former football player, the rush he felt from an audience’s laughter filled a void in him, reminiscent of the cheers of the crowd on the gridiron. After cutting his teeth on the highly-decorated San Francisco comedy scene for six years, Gary now resides in Los Angeles with a driving motivation to reach the pinnacle of success: forcing someone else to write his bio instead of writing it himself in third person. He has been featured on Live at Gotham on AXS TV. Showcasing NACA Central 2016

Aaron Aryanpur

Funniest Comic in Texas Winner Aaron Aryanpur has appeared in clubs, theaters and colleges nationwide. Aaron was a semifinalist in both Comedy Central’s Up Next Search and NBC’s Stand Up for Diversity, and his debut album In Spite Of reached number one on the iTunes Comedy charts. While Aaron’s act covers a variety of topics, it’s his experiences as a husband and an exhausted father that landed him on the Minivan Men podcast with Maz Jobrani and Al Madrigal. Aaron delivers laughs with his unique perspective and expressive, likable delivery. He’s been called “engaging, open; he’s relatable and very funny.” Past NACA Showcasing Act

Ron Babcock

Comedy’s Ron Babcock has been on TV. Not enough to be super famous, but enough to make people from his high school impressed. He’s appeared on Adam Devine’s House Party on Comedy Central, Last Comic Standing, HBO’s The Life and Times of Tim and The Rotten Tomatoes Show. He was also a “New Face” at the 2012 Just For Laughs Festival and a winner at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival. He enjoys movies and telling people he’s probs going to the gym later. Showcasing NACA Nationals 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act

J.B. Ball

J.B. always wanted to be the fifth member in a boy band. You don’t get to be the heartthrob, but you still get a pretty sweet leather jacket. His interests include how worthless Disney Movies are, useless fun facts — like how long it took to paint the Mona Lisa (4 years), and playing sports with more passion than necessary. He was named Florida’s Funniest Comedian in 2014, selected for Just For Laughs 2016 New Faces, will be seen on Kevin Hart’s new Comedy Central show Hart of the City, and Kevin’s new comedy streaming network Laugh Out Loud. Showcasing NACA South 2016
Mary Patterson Broome

Mary Patterson Broome has performed stand-up comedy at clubs, colleges, casinos, festivals, cruise ships, banquet halls, military bases and countless other random rooms with microphones, for over ten years. She has appeared on The Bob & Tom Show and Comedy’s Dynamics: Uncontrolled Comedy. Broome has written for AOL’s Originals’ Emmy-nominated Making a Scene with James Franco and WE TV’s Sex Box. She is currently the Senior Editor at AfterParty Magazine and a regular contributor to Women’s Health Magazine Online. Originally from Mobile, Alabama, she is a graduate of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and now somewhat reluctantly calls Los Angeles home.

Nick Cobb

Hailing from Memphis, Nick Cobb attended Indiana University where he majored in Psychology and learned to obsess over complete nonsense; before moving to New York where he majored in comedy and learned to obsess over basketball and Game of Thrones — which he plans on finishing without learning a single character’s name. Now in LA, Nick has been on Inside Amy Schumer, The Late Late Show, and Funny or Die’s Disney Couple’s Therapy. In addition, Nick has played a dad in tons of commercials, because he has looked 35 since he was 12. He’s also been seen on Comedy Central and Last Comic Standing.

Curtis Cook

Curtis Cook’s “politely militant” style has made him one of the top comedians in the Pacific Northwest. He has been singled out by the Portland Mercury for his “sleepy, slam poetry” delivery and was highlighted as one of Portland’s Funniest 5 by the Willamette Week. In addition to performing stand-up, Curtis has worked internationally with Daily VICE and was recently featured on VICELAND’s new television show Flophouse. Having graduated from a liberal arts college, Curtis is a firm believer in progressive comedy and knows that we can change the world by having long conversations with people we already agree with.

DC Ervin

While most of his friends were spending their Friday nights watching shows like Full House and Family Matters, DC was watching his father perform standup. After failed attempts as an NBA star, gangster rapper, and Calvin Klein underwear model, DC followed the footsteps of his father. You may have seen him in hit movies, A Haunted House, Haunted House 2, and 50 Shades of Black. DC was also a semi-finalist on the latest season of NBC’s Last Comic Standing.

Steve Gillespie

Steve Gillespie is two things: adorable and ADORABLE. That’s what’s most important, but he’s also really funny. Gillespie’s act is a balance of aggression, slap-happy absurdity, self-flagellation, and blistering social commentary, all enhanced by his delightfully pushy persona. Now a decade into his career, he relocated to LA after freezing half-to-death whilst fist-fighting bearded giants in Minneapolis, made a super-cute national TV appearance on Conan, and released his critically-acclaimed debut album, Stever Fever, which was named one of the top ten comedy albums of the year by Comedy-Reviews.com.

Comedy $1,500 and under

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Rahn Hortman
When you’re the oldest (but smallest) of four boys and blessed with a funny first name, you learn to defend yourself using quick wit and laughter. Now audiences get to enjoy his personal stories, real-life challenges and obstacles, and honest looks into his family life with that same wit and laughter. Hortman’s clean, accessible comedy has been enjoyed in comedy festivals (Laugh Fest, South Beach), television (NickMom Night Out), churches and college campuses. But audiences soon learn that clean comedy can still be edgy and thoughtful, especially if it comes from the heart with relatable topics that we’ve all shared. Past NACA Showcasing Act

Frank Liotti
Frank Liotti has been seen playing addicts and felons on Fox TV’s Gotham, Blue Bloods, Law and Order: Criminal Intent as well as Law and Order: SVU, Canturbury’s Law and Jonny Zero. He also filmed a pilot for LOGO last year titled Everyone’s a Little Gay. He’s won praise in the Boston Comedy Festival, Laughing Skull Comedy Festival, Laughing Devil Festival, and has been a finalist in all of them. Although Frank is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama, he was always thrilled to receive a 65 in math. Past NACA Showcasing Act

Christine Little
Christine Little grabs you with her animated presence, coupled with a razor-sharp wit. She fires away at topics ranging from societal norms to unique everyday observations. This Indiana native utilizes her education in psychology and unconventional way of thought to keep audiences thinking & laughing simultaneously. Little has made several appearances on Fox’s Laughs, performed at comedy festivals all over the country, opened for headliners like Mad TV’s Bobby Lee, and was featured on the front page of Funny or Die and The Huffington Post. Overall, Christine wants you to like her and be impressed by her life... Are you!? Showcasing NACA Mid-America 2016

Carmen Lynch
Carmen Lynch is an NYC based comic who made two appearances on The Late Show with David Letterman and has performed several times for the troops in Iraq and Kuwait. She’s twice been a semi-finalist on NBC’s Last Comic Standing. She also appeared on Inside Amy Schumer, The Good Wife and HBO Canada’s Funny As Hell. If she’s not doing her stand-up in English she’s probably doing it somewhere in Spanish (she speaks fluently). For other exciting stuff follow her on twitter at @lynchcarmen and visit www.carmenlynch.com. Three-Time NACA Showcasing Act

Anyi Malik
Anyi Malik once made his cab driver laugh so hard, he crashed into another vehicle. This calamity ignited Anyi to begin his career as a standup comedian. For a decade, Anyi has been performing his clever, conversational comedy up and down the West Coast. Anyi has quickly grown recognition on the circuit for his distinct, hypnotic voice that simultaneously soothes, amuses, and abuses his audiences. Anyi Malik has appeared on Hulu network’s Quicklaffs and hosts the podcast Grits with Anyi Malik, available on iTunes. Also available are his albums Lamb Choppin and Doin’ The Most. Past NACA Showcasing Act
Maggie Maye

Maggie has performed stand up on Conan and in festivals such as Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival, SXSW, Bridgetown Comedy Festival, and FunFunFun Fest. She’s opened for Paul Mooney, Hannibal Buress, and Earth Wind and Fire, and been mentioned in comedy articles in the Huffington Post, LaughSpin, The New York Times, and the Portland Mercury. Her comedy is described the same way she is: sassy, charming, and smart. Also, a six-year-old once told her she was the funniest person ever. And kids rarely lie.

Connor McSpadden

A favorite of the college market, Connor has performed at schools nationwide and showcased for NACA. Connor headlines around the country and as a feature act he has opened for Drew Lynch, Chris D’Elia, Doug Stanhope and many more. He stars in the street roasting web series “Burn Booth” which has hundreds of thousands of views. Online he has been featured on Reddit’s front page, eBaum’s World and George Takei’s Facebook. As a writer he has contributed to Comedy Central’s Roast Battle, @midnight and the Roast of Rob Lowe. His standup has been featured on Hulu and the show Laughs on Fox.

Martin Montana

“He’s the commissioner.” That’s what Martin’s Colombian mom used to tell her friends when he got his first all commission job. Now he gets to tell the world all about it, along with his take on all of the other characters he’s met. He can be heard on SiriusXM satellite radio, was a semi-finalist in NY’s Funniest Stand Up Competition, and has been featured in the Boston Comedy Festival. When he’s not on stage he plays a talking orange slice known as “Wedgehead” for Shock Top’s current ad campaign.

Feraz Ozel

Afghani-Pakistani comedian Feraz Ozel blends hilarious observations, animated act-outs and catchy musical pieces, making him one of the most sought after comedians today. He has been seen on national television on Comics Unleashed, and The Doctors on CBS. One of Hollywood’s fastest rising comics, Feraz regularly performs at The Comedy Store, Laugh Factory and Improv, often sharing stages with comedy greats like Chris D’elia, Daniel Tosh and Aziz Ansari. When able to escape the blackhole that is Netflix, he tours through comedy clubs and colleges throughout the country and internationally.

Joe Petza

Joe Peraza is a standup comedian from Buffalo, NY now living and performing in New York, NY. Combining comedy with his other passion — attending charity pancake breakfasts — Joe created and hosted The Pancake Breakfast Critic web series for MTV Other. He also appeared on Comedy Central’s Adam Devine’s House Party. TheComicsComic.com describes his measured and engaging delivery by saying, “...you hear something delightfully subversive and twisted coming from Peraza’s voice onstage — despite its tone and timbre, which suggests a down-home folksiness.” As soon as he finds a wife, he will probably move back to Buffalo.
Kiry Shabazz

Fresh from recording a set for Hulu, Kiry is a stand-up comic and full-time student pursuing whatever degree requires the least math. Kiry is a charismatic, witty, off the top comedian, whose hilarious punchlines have made him one of the best up-and-coming comics in Northern California. After shows he’s often told “your comedy changed my life.” Which he can never be certain is a good or bad thing, sending him into a whirlwind of paranoia and insecurity. Kiry won the World Series of Comedy Satellite Competition and was selected for the 2016 Laughing Skull Festival.

Showcasing NACA Mid-Atlantic and West 2016

Riley Silverman

A Los Angeles resident with deep midwestern roots, the dark yet silly comedy of Riley Silverman has been seen on MTV’s Acting Out, Comedy Central’s Not Safe with Nikki Glaser, and a multi-year run at Portland’s All Jane comedy festival. Her debut comedy album, Intimate Apparel, was a #1 best seller on Amazon. Riley is a contributor to Pajiba.com, was named the #FashionTruth girl for April 2015 by ModCloth as part of their customer beauty campaign, and she was also listed as one of 10 Women Comedians Who Smash the Patriarchy by The Culture Trip.

Kabir Singh

Born in Oregon to stereotypical Indian parents, Kabir realized at an early age that it wouldn’t be easy making friends at school. Luckily, he soon became known as the funniest Indian kid in Oregon — not too difficult considering he was the only Indian kid in Oregon. Later his family moved to Bombay where he was bullied for being American, teaching him how to make people laugh in three languages. He was featured on Comedy Central’s Stand Up Revolution in 2014.

Showcasing NACA South and Mid-America 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act

Shakir “Shak” Standley

Shakir “Shak” Standley, was born and raised in Chicago, where he went to college to study English Language and Literature. Out of college, he followed his first passion, music, where he produced records for various artists that you’ve probably never heard of. Rapper Ice-T saw Shak performing his unique and irreverent comedy on YouTube and cast him in Body Count’s music video. He was cast on the MTV2 hit show Nick Cannon Presents Wild n Out. He was in both season 8 and 9 of Last Comic Standing. In season 9, he advanced to the semi-finals.

Showcasing NACA Northern Plains 2016

Jesus Trejo

A native of Long Beach, CA, Jesus Trejo has been described as one of the funniest young comics to look out for. Jesus started stand-up in college and soon moved on to clubs such as the Hollywood Improv, the Laugh Factory and the world famous Comedy Store. His high-energy performance is a fusion of characters, storytelling, and physical comedy. Jesus recently landed a recurring role as “Javier” on the TBS sitcom Sullivan & Son. He has worked with Russell Peters, Steve Byrne, Steve Trevino, and Pauly Shore.

Past NACA Showcasing Act
Tony Baker

Born Anthony C. Baker in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tony and his family quickly moved back to Chicago where he was raised on the south side. His comedic skills developed while hosting pageants, talent shows, and fund-raising events in college. He made his stage debut in a university production of *Of Mice & Men*. After bringing his acting talents to the stage, he knew that it was time to make the dream a reality and uprooted his family to California. Tony was selected to showcase at NACA Nationals in NBC’s *Stand Up for Diversity* Search. 

Past NACA Showcasing Act

Guy Branum

Guy Branum is best known for his segment “No More Mr. Nice Gay” on *Totally Biased* with W. Kamau Bell and his work as the “Staff Homosexual” on *Chelsea Lately*. You may have seen Guy in the movie *No Strings Attached*, or his web series *The Factuary*, produced by Ashton Kutcher. Guy has written for *Awkward, Punk’d, Fashion Police, X-Play*, and is a regular contributor to *The Huffington Post*. Mostly he’s just a gay dude trying to make sure people realize there’s nothing that scary about gay dudes.

Past NACA Showcasing Act

Matthew Broussard

After winning Houston’s Funniest Person, Matthew Broussard decided to hop in his Jetta and head out to California. Despite a degree in Mathematics and a job as a financial analyst, he has chosen comedy over a 9 to 5. Clever and charming, Broussard keeps crowds roaring with his subtle wit and killer timing. He is also the author of the popular web comic MondayPunday.com. Despite appearances on *Conan, Guy Code, Mindy Project, the League*, and a *Half Hour* special on Comedy Central, his Cajun father and Jewish mother still hope he gets an MBA.

Showcasing NACA Nationals, Mid-Atlantic and Northern Plains 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act

JR De Guzman

Born in the Philippines and raised in California, JR De Guzman began performing comedy while working as a music teacher, which he quickly learned just meant teaching Taylor Swift songs to teenagers. He has entertained all over the world, having performed for Stand-Up Tokyo and Badaboom Comedy in Amsterdam. Combining music and comedy, JR serenades the audience into laughter. Catch him on Comedy Central’s *Kevin Hart Presents: Hart of the City* and MTV’s *Acting Out*. His album debuts this Fall on Sirius XM *Laugh’s USA*.

Showcasing NACA Nationals and Northern Plains 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act

Jared Freid

Jared Freid left working in finance to become a stand-up comedian. When he told his mom, her first question was, “So how long have you known that you’ve been, you know, funny?” People knew right away when they saw him on Tru TV’s *NFL Full Contact*, *MTV’s Failosophy*, and more recently, AXS TV’s *Gotham Comedy Live*. You may have read his columns on TotalFratMove, BroBible, Thought Catalog, and HeTexted. If you don’t like to read, then you’re in luck because Jared is also the host of the JTrain Podcast, where he gives fun and genuine advice to the youths of America.

Showcasing NACA Nationals and South 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act
Peet Guercio

Your best friend in comedy. Peet’s positive, infectious energy on stage is like hanging out with a hilarious friend telling stories at a house party. Making friends with all the students and making everyone feel included are Peet’s specialties. He doesn’t want to laugh “at” anyone, but rather “with” everyone. Personalizing his jokes to each school makes students feel like one of their classmates graduated and became a comedian! He has starred on MTV’s Would You Rather, Throwback Thursday, and Greatest Party Story Ever, Hashtags on E!, and Gotham Comedy Live on AXS TV. Showcasing NACA Mid-America 2016 and Two-Time Past NACA Showcasing Act

Nick Guerra

Nick is an audience favorite from NBC’s Last Comic Standing and claimed first place in the 2015 NBC Stand Up Showcase. Originally from Texas, he tours all over the country with performers like Jo Koy, Michael Yo, and Cristela Alonzo. He made his Comedy Central debut on Gabriel Iglesias’ Stand Up Revolution and his late night debut on Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon. With his energetic attitude, he skewers dating, family, and everyday life. Showcasing NACA Nationals, Central and West 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act

Chris James

British African comic Chris James began following his dream of doing stand-up comedy after a successful career as a fashion model. Chris’ charming style of comedy includes stories, impressions and characters. He’s appeared on VH1, FOX and HBO. Chris recently finished shooting the feature film Obamaland in which he stars as the title character, Barack Obama. His comedy special and one-man show performances led to sold-out shows in New York City. Chris has lived in many places including England, South Africa, New York and LA. He continues to tour internationally at the best colleges and comedy venues around the world. Showcasing NACA Mid-Atlantic, Mid-America and West 2016

Ben Kronberg

Ben’s unique style blends clever one-liners and witty observations with catchy songs that he performs while playing instruments. Much of his material has been inspired by girlfriends, who are now incidentally, ex-girlfriends. Ben has performed on @midnight and Late Night With Seth Meyers, Jimmy Kimmel Live, John Oliver’s New York Stand-up Show, and most recently his own Half Hour Special on Comedy Central. Fourteen-Time NACA Showcasing Act

Preacher Lawson

One of the most likeable, animated characters you’ll ever see perform, Preacher Lawson has been bringing his brand of goofy, high-energy comedy to the stage since he was seventeen. Young or old, man or woman, black or white — Preacher’s clean, energetic style will keep you on your toes and, more importantly, laughing. Preacher has performed with a long list of great comedians including Loni Love, and was a semi-finalist in Comedy Central’s “Up Next” and the Winner of the 2015 Florida’s Funniest Comedian Competition. Showcasing NACA Central and West 2016
Lebanese-American born in Oakland, California, Sammy Obeid double-majored in Business and Mathematics at UC Berkeley to become a comedian. Recently seen on NBC’s America’s Got Talent, TBS’s Conan, and season 9 of NBC’s Last Comic Standing, Sammy is best known for setting a world record by performing 1,001 nights in a row between 2010 and 2013. Voted 2014’s “Fastest Rising Star” by Campus Activities magazine, Sammy offers an intelligent, inspiring, and youthful perspective that reaches all ages. 

Oneyemi “Opey” Olagbaju’s love and commitment to stand up can always be seen on stage. He can be found performing at various comedy clubs and has successfully showcased in several festivals, such as the Bridgetown Comedy Festival, SF Sketch fest, World Series of Comedy and NACA Showcases (2014 West, Central and 2015 Nationals). He is noted for his observational humor, which stems from his experiences as an immigrant from Nigeria, who assimilated into American culture and society. Through comedy, Opey explores what makes us different, and more importantly, how these differences make us all the same.

Barry has established himself as one of the top comedian/actors in the country. He had a role in the 2013 film Wolf of Wall Street with Jonah Hill and Leo DiCaprio as well as the Comedy Central show Adam Devine’s House Party. He has also appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Conan, MTV’s Punk’d (cast member), Funny or Die, TNT’s Men of a Certain Age, College Humor Exclusives, and dozens of TV commercials. He can be seen touring the country as a national headliner at clubs and colleges.

Offering a fresh and honest perspective that’s rare to find, Dulcé Sloan was recently honored as the 2015 NBC Stand Up Showcase Winner and as a 2015 Montreal Just For Laughs New Face. A favorite among audiences, she was voted runner-up for Atlanta’s 2015 Laughing Skull Comedy Festival. She made her late-night debut this year on Conan. She can be seen this fall on Acting Out on MTV and Comedy Knock Out on truTV. Dulcé’s signature sass and confidence drives her hilarious views on everything from her personal relationships to the absurdities of society.

People are often unsure of KT Tatara’s ethnicity, age and gender and that’s because KT is actually a mixed-race alien from the future. He’s currently a male of Japanese & Caucasian descent. Nobody knows his real age, not even him. For the past ?? years, KT has entertained colleges with fun, logic-based comedy that provides a unique insight into... Stuff. As a comedian, KT made TV appearances on Last Comic Standing, Comedy Central, Showtime and MTV. As an actor, KT has co-starred on FOX’s Lethal Weapon and CBS’s How I Met Your Mother. As a human, KT has never farted.

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Chinedu Unaka

Chinedu has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in comedy, including Dane Cook, Jay Leno and Dave Chappelle. Recently returning from an overseas tour in Greece, Egypt, and Jordan for our troops, he’s previously toured through India & Dubai. Chinedu was just featured on Fox’s The Mindy Project and Hulu’s Coming to the Stage, and also claims past appearances on Fox’s Laughs and Nuvo’s Stand Up and Deliver. He’s toured colleges nationwide from USC to Cornell, was a finalist on NBC’s Stand Up For Diversity competition, wrote for Showtime, and was hand-selected to tour with Damon Wayans, Jr. Showcasing NACA Northeast 2016.

Jason Weems

A native of Baltimore City, Jason Weems is striving to become a comedic great. His very engaging and conversational style on stage leaves audiences feeling like they’ve just finished talking to a close friend, and it simultaneously acts as free therapy for him. Jason has been seen at the most prestigious “By Invitation Only” comedy festival in the world, The Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and recently added a featured semi-finalist credit to his name on the hit NBC Series Last Comic Standing. Find out more about Jason at www.jasonweemscomedy.com. Showcasing NACA South 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act.

Jacob Williams

Jacob Williams’ comedy recounts his awkward misadventures through the worlds of dating, day jobs and dining alone. Jacob made his national television debut as a stand-up comedian on America’s Got Talent (NBC) and advanced to the Semifinals. He has been a cast member on Wild ‘N Out (MTV) since 2013. He was recently named one of Comedy Central’s “Comics to Watch.” This year Jacob made his Comedy Central debut on Adam Devine’s House Party. He also performed stand-up for a comedy special on MTV2 and provides the voice of a lead character in the animated series Football U (MTV Other). Showcasing NACA Mid-Atlantic, Central, Mid-America and West 2016.

Mike E. Winfield

He was a warehouse worker from NBC’s The Office, a regular on The Late Show with David Letterman and has his own pop culture show on the LOGO Network. Mike’s standup is real life stories told in a way that connects with college students, and makes him shine on every campus. He’s a funny looking, interesting, intelligent performer that will open your eyes about love in your own relationship. Often referred to as “fun to watch” Mike will leave a refreshing impression. Showcasing NACA Nationals and West 2016 and Past NACA Showcasing Act.

Gina Yashere

Gina Yashere is known for her regular appearances on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno as Madame Yashere, The Surly Psychic. Since breaking onto the U.S. comedy scene on Last Comic Standing, she has had her own one-hour comedy special on Showtime, Skinny B*tch, appeared on The Tonight Show with Conan O’Brien, Chelsea Lately, Live at Gotham, Def Comedy Jam, and Comics Unleashed. Her bombastic delivery, infectious personality and unique take on being both a cultural insider and outsider, has left audiences laughing on all continents. Past NACA Showcasing Act.
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