

CHCI's Announces 10th Annual Reyes of Comedy Lineup

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Washington, DC – Laughter will echo throughout the nation's capital as Latino comedians take the stage for CHCI's [10th Annual Reyes of Comedy](#) at the historic Warner Theatre on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. The event features rising and established Latino comedians who draw from their personal experiences as Hispanic Americans to present a comedic portrait of Latino life in the United States.

Comedians Alex Reymundo, Debi Gutierrez, Filipe Esparza, Gilbert Esquivel and Carlos Santos-Cordero are scheduled to perform, a unique opportunity to enjoy five comedians in one dynamic show.

Reyes of Comedy is co-produced by Sí TV and all proceeds benefit CHCI's nationally recognized leadership development and educational programs.

[Tickets are available at Live Nation](#)

Scheduled to perform:

ALEX REYMUENDO is best known as one of the 'Original Latin Kings of Comedy', alongside George Lopez, Cheech Marin, Paul Rodriguez and Joey Medina. He delivered his first live stand-up show before a live audience in Albuquerque, NM at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, rocking the house with his uniquely branded style of comedy 'Hick-Spanic', half-Hillbilly and half-Hispanic. Reymundo delves into growing up an immigrant in a large, Mexican family in the South. Alex delivers the punch at every turn leaving the audience with only one conclusion: there is a new Latin breed of comedy in town and its Alex Reymundo.

DEBI GUTIERREZ is not your run-of-the-mill entertainer or television personality. She is as unique in her performances as she is in her personal life. Debi refuses to be lumped in with girl comedy and ethnic humor. Instead, she speaks of the common threads that describe us all with a relatable, sharp wit, energy and realism that makes it okay to be a human again.

Debi has appeared on Lifetime, Showtime, NBC, CBS, HBO, as the Ebay Girl and much more! She was also featured in the Just for Laughs – New Faces Show in Montreal. Recently, Debi completed three seasons as the host of the daily parenting show, A Place of Our Own, at KCET. On set, she comfortably navigates through topics and discussions in a natural yet structured way that allows her guests to comfortably be real and share their views and experiences. The show and its sister series, Los Niños En Su Casa, have quickly snapped up three prestigious awards that include an Emmy, a National Peabody Award and The Parents' Choice Award.

FILIFE ESPARZA, currently a contestant on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," is a comedian and actor, best known for his raw, real-life comedy that audiences everywhere can relate to. Known for his wild hair and his often-imitated phrase, "what's up, fool?" people are always surprised to find out that Filife is also the same person referred to and imitated in several infamous onstage stories by fellow comedian, Gabriel Iglesias. Filife is one of many comedians who got immediate television exposure when he appeared on a Showtime "Diamonds in the Rough" segment just 1 1/2 years into his stand-up career. Since that time, he has appeared on ABC's "Comics Unleashed", Comedy Central's "Premium Blend", Showtime's "Comics Without Borders", BET's "Comic View", and Galavisión's "Que Locos" (where he holds the title of most appearances by any comedian). In 2009, he appeared in his first two feature-length films, "The Deported", and a film based on his stand-up comedy called, "I'm Not Like That No More", where he stars opposite Paul Rodriguez.

GILBERT ESQUIVEL started one night when he visited a comedy club in Los Angeles. A comedian tried picking on Gilbert who was seated in the front...Bad Move! After receiving a good ole' fashion ghetto spanking, the comedian backed off and Gilbert was invited on stage to tell a joke and stole the show. He was then asked back the following week. Silly Gil caught the comedy bug and the rest is history. Gilbert won his first comedy competition just one year into his stand-up career at the world famous Ice House in Pasadena, CA and has been seen on many television shows including Galavisión's "Que Locos" as well as being one of the first Latino semi-finalists on BET's "Comicview." He now

travels the country doing jokes in comedy clubs, churches, prisons, colleges, theaters and even Las Vegas. Gilbert's goal is to someday use humor to help encourage, motivate and make changes in people's lives.

CARLOS SANTOS has brought wit, rhythm and a passion for music as MTV Tr3s' VJ since the channel launched in 2006. Now, he can be seen as co-host of MTV's "New Afternoons on MTV" and MTV Tr3s' "Entertainment as a Second Language w/ Carlos Santos." No stranger to the MTV or MTV Tr3s audience, Carlos has hosted a number of shows and specials and is actively involved in pro-social initiatives across the brands.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico. Carlos moved to California in 2000 to attend Fresno State University, where he received a B.A. in Theatre Arts. Dedicated to honing his craft, after graduation he moved to LA entertaining and bringing his love for music to life, he spends time touring the college circuit doing stand-up and is involved in musical project "Puerto del Mundo" in Puerto Rico. Carlos has been featured on Seventeen.com's 17-buzz and in Latina Magazine's "What Guys Wish You Knew." He resides in New York City.

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