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Comedy TV Stars Bring the Funny to GSU's Center for Performing Arts

University Park, IL, September 28, 2015 – You've seen the TV show, and laughed your head off. Now, come enjoy the all-stars of improv comedy live on stage! Four comedic veterans of "Whose Line Is It Anyway," Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Jeff B. Davis, and Joel Murray from TV's "Mad Men" and "Dharma & Greg," bring their distinctive brand of improvisation to Governors State University on **October 16th at 8 p.m.**

The popular TV show aired on ABC from 1998 to 2004 and returned to the airwaves in 2013 where it's currently enjoying success on The CW with Aisha Tyler as the host. Don't miss your chance to get in on the act, as audience participation is part of the hilarity. Featuring games made famous on the Emmy-nominated show and some new ones, this daring foursome makes up elaborately funny songs and skits before your very eyes.

In a recent interview with *The Dallas News* pop culture blogger, Ryan Stiles was asked, *what's different in the touring show from what we saw on TV?* His answer: Drew [Carey, the TV show's original host] isn't handing out points and stopping the action, or taking suggestions off of cards from the producers. We get all the suggestions for games, songs and sketches from the audience, during the show. We bring people up on stage to participate. We can go longer with a sketch or song since we don't have TV time restrictions. This is a 90-minute live show, so we can go all-out. I also think the live show has a much warmer feeling — we're all so comfortable onstage, and the audience really gets to feel like they're part of it, because they are. They're an integral part — without them, we have no show.

The Reviews Are In!

"It's the first comedy show I've been to where everyone was laughing!" – *The Seattle Times*

"Best show I have seen in a long time. Laugh out loud hilarious. The 4 comedians are totally on point at all times. Amazing to see live! Would definitely see this again!" – Patron at Hard Rock Casino Vancouver, Canada

"Standup is funny but improv comedy is hilarious because they make it up as they go. And these four are the masters of improv." – *Oregonian*, Portland, OR

For Tickets and Information

Tickets start at \$38, up to \$48 for the best seats. Box seats are additional upon request.

Online: CenterTickets.net

By Phone: 708.235.2222

In Person at the Box Office: 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL

Box Office Hours: Monday- Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (open to 6p.m. on Thursdays) & 2 hours prior to all performances

Groups of 10 or more, students, seniors and patrons who purchase a flex package of four or more shows are eligible for discounts.

The Center for Performing Arts is honored to be supported by generous foundations, agencies, sponsors and individual supporters. A portion of GSU's arts programming is made possible by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. If you would like to donate to the Center for Performing Arts please visit CenterTickets.net for details.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484. Conveniently located off of I57 (Sauk Trail exit), the Center for Performing Arts is easily accessible from all neighboring south suburban communities. Parking is free. For best GPS directions always use the location search term "Governors State University" only.