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# ABOUT US

TORONTO, ON - (March 10, 2014) - t DAT'S PUCKING PUNNY: Filipino Comedy Tour (DPP) kicks off live at Yuk Yuks Mississauga on Sunday March 23, 2014 at 8:00pm. Featuring a mix of local and American talent, DPP boasts a heavy line up including Ron Josol (Comedy Now, Russel Peters), Joey Guila (Bad Boys of Comedy, Filipino Kings of Comedy), Keith Pedro (Boom, MTV, Much Music), Ernie Vicente (Yuk Yuks), Big Norm (Much Music, MTV) and Rembrandt Sabelis (90210, Boy Meets World.)

This comedy showcase has been long awaited in Canada. It has been almost 10 years since Canada has seen a Filipino Comedy roster this seasoned. Considering Filipinos are the third largest Asian sub-group in Canada, and the most wide spread diaspora in the world, we are confident that this show will be a huge success locally and abroad.

We have also partnered with Kapisanan Philippine Centre of Arts & Culture, a Toronto-based charitable organization that gives all Filipino-Canadian youth a safe space to explore Filipino culture and heritage, fostering pride and self-confidence, inspiring and empowering them to realize their full potential.

A percentage of the proceeds from Dat's Pucking Punny will go to support Filipino arts & cultural programming at KAPISANAN.

# COMICS

## RON JOSOL



Ron Josol represents a new generation of comedy. With his modish comedy style and commanding stage presence, he is one of today's hottest acts.

Ron has taken his comedy around the world and has performed in Canada, U.S., Pacific Islands, Persian Gulf, Asia, Central America, the Caribbean and the in the Middle East. In Ron's 2nd year performing as a comedian, he won the coveted Craven A's funniest Homegrown Competition at the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival. Since then he has been performing regularly at various Festivals including, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival, Just For Laughs Festival, the International Comedy Fest 2K8, The Orange County Comedy Festival and the LOL Comedy Festival in Hollywood, California.

Indubitably, the most recognizable Asian comedian in Canada, Ron was profiled on the Comedy Network, ABS-CBN Asia, Show time Dubai, CBC, Discovery Channel, Echo, Omni 1&2, MTV Canada, and recently the Biography Channel in Canada.

Ron has hosted his own television series on Omni 2's network called, "FLIP". He produced, co-wrote and starred as the lead of a short film based on his true story entitled, "Rolling Longaniza," which aired on CBC Zflicks. He has written and performed on Much Music hit shows "Video on Trial" and "Much More Music".

Ron has taped numerous stand-up comedy specials in his career, including, "Ethnical Difficulties" for CBC, where he was nominated for a Canadian Comedy Award for that performance, "Comedy Now", on CTV/Comedy network. He has been featured in ABS-CBN's Slanted comedy taped at the San Jose Improv and recently recorded 2 comedy specials produced by Showtime Dubai. This lead to his first US television appearance on LOL Comedy Festival on Showtime USA.

## KEITH PEDRO



You might have seen on him on Degrassi or MTV or even heard him on CBC Radio, but this high energy comic has been touring all across North America ripping stages and cities in his path! He is currently one of the cast members of Much Music's "Video on Trial" and also writes and performs sketch comedy with the edgy Toronto sketch troupe "The Boom." Watch out, this pack-a-punch comic with his witty punch lines will give you a free abs workout!

## ERNIE VICENTE



Ernie Vicente is a stand-up comedian from Toronto, Ontario. With his surreal observations and quick one-liners, Ernie has been entertaining audiences for the past 5 years, starting at the world famous Yuk Yuk's comedy club in Toronto. Since then he has performed in clubs such as Absolute Comedy, The Rivoli, The Second City, Yuk Yuk's, Montreal's Comedy Works, and most recently performing at comedy clubs in the United States such as Los Angeles, Laughs Unlimited in Sacramento, Catch A Rising Star in Reno and Levity Live in New York.

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## JOEY GUILA



If laughter is medicine, comedian Joey Guila has your prescription. A complete entertainer on stage he takes you through a journey of Old School and New School with his act outs and accents.

His multicultural style of comedy hits home for all audiences, whether you watched his show in Hawaii or Hong Kong you left crying and his mission was complete. In 2003 Joey won the regional "Kings Of Comedy" competition ran by Latham Entertainment who is the founder of "The Original Kings Of Comedy" which include, Bernie Mac, Cedric The Entertainer, D.L. Hughley and Steve Harvey.

Joey was invited to perform with Latham Entertainment at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas and the Universal Amphitheatre in Hollywood.

Before Comedy he was a licensed cosmetologist working at the worlds famous Jose Eber Salon in Beverly Hills. He still laughs at the fact that he was the only straight Filipino Hairdresser on Rodeo Drive. Joey has been featured on VH1, G4 Tech TV, Showtime and on HBO with P Diddy's comedy special.

Joey has hosted 2 T.V. Shows on Myx TV called "Thats My Jam" and "Myx Rated" which recently won a Telly Award. His past guests on his shows have been Justin Bieber, PitBull, Boyz II Men, Naughty By Nature, Jason Derulo and Amerie to name a few. He is currently the headliner on "The Filipino Kingz" Comedy Tour and also will be on the Verizon's APAHM tour which will be at Club Nokia in LA, The Regency in S.F., The Fillmore Silver Theatre in Washington D.C. and in New York at The Best Buy Theatre in May 2012.

## BIG NORM



Scarborough native, Big Norm is a modern day renaissance man. Not only is he a stand-up comedian, but he is also a chef at the renowned Lamesa Filipino Kitchen, an actor, singer, dancer, graphic designer, event planner and more.

Big Norm has opened up for Deray Davis, Ron Josol and Kenny Robinson just to name a few. He caught his first big break on the Much Music Vj Search Reality show in 2006 and has since worked in variuos projects including the Manifesto Festival and most notably, the Viral web-musical series, Prison Dancer. Big Norm can be seen running his own monthly showcase called I Aint No Joke, or cooking up "Norm Storm" at his Dinner Party Series,

## REMBRANDT SABELIS



Rembrandt Sabelis was born in Toronto Canada. In 1991 Rembrandt was discovered by a local Toronto talent agency that took him to Los Angeles for an international modeling and acting competition.

With his success at the competition Rembrandt drew interest from many Hollywood agents and decided to move to Hollywood later that year where he landed the co-starring role of Lucky London on the syndicated TV show Superhuman Samurai Syber Squad.

Over the next few years Rembrandts career took off with appearances on Beverly Hills 90210 and Boy Meets World just to name a few. Appearing in numerous commercials including a spokes person role for the TV series Louis and Clark and modeling for Levis.

After years away from the entertainment industry Rembrandt is back in the lime light coming back to his home town of Toronto to make his stand up comedy debut.

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