



HOPKINS CENTER

presents

Dean Obeidallah, comedian

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Friday, November 9, 2007 • 8 & 10 pm
Warner Bentley Theater • Dartmouth College

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Born in the Great State of New Jersey, **Dean Obeidallah**'s comedy comes in large part from his unique background of being the son of a Palestinian father and a Sicilian mother. Dean, an award-winning comedian who was at one time a practicing attorney, has appeared on ABC's *The View*, Comedy Central's *Axis of Evil* comedy special and is the co-creator of ComedyCentral.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 also appeared on numerous international and national programs including CNN's *American Morning* and *The Situation Room*, PBS' *News-hour with Jim Lehrer*, Air America Radio, *Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen*, ABC News, HD's *Dan Rather Reports*, NPR, Fox News Radio, ABC's *20/20*, Al Jazeera, *Democracy Now with Amy Goodman* and CNN International's *Inside the Middle East*. Dean has been featured in numerous publications including *Time* magazine, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Dean is proud to have received the first annual "Bill Hicks Spirit Award" for "thought provoking come-

dy" (named after the late comedian Bill Hicks) from the New York Underground Comedy Festival and the Hicks Family.

He also 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 fostering understanding between Arab and Jewish-Americans. His one-man show, *I Come in Peace*, was an official selection of the 2006 New York International Fringe Festival.

Dean is proud to be the co-founder and co-executive producer of the annual New York Arab-American Comedy Festival, which will hold its fifth annual Festival in January 2008. In addition to performing comedy throughout the U.S., Dean has performed in the Middle East in Beirut, Haifa, Dubai and Ramallah.

For more information about Dean, please visit: www.deanofcomedy.com.

This is Dean Obeidallah's first performance at the Hopkins Center.

CONNECTING HOP ARTISTS TO THE COMMUNITY

While at Dartmouth, Dean Obeidallah met with students from Al-Nur, Dartmouth's Muslim student association, and participated in a discussion with students in the East Wheelock cluster. For more info on Hopkins Center Outreach & Arts Education, call 603.646.2010 or visit hop.dartmouth.edu.

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