

Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth

presents

Some Stars of Native American Comedy

Marc Yaffee

Jim Ruel

Ernest Tsosie

Monique Moreau

Curated by Andre Bouchard

Monday, February 17, 7:30 & 9:30 pm

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Dartmouth is situated upon the ancestral and unceded lands of the Abenaki people. This acknowledgment reminds us of the significance of place, the continued existence of Indigenous people, and Dartmouth's commitment to building respectful relationships with those who call these lands home today.

Program

Approximate duration: 90 minutes

About the Artists

Marc Yaffee is a co-star of the Showtime special *Goin' Native*. He can also be seen on Amazon Prime and his own Dry Bar comedy special, *Mid-Laugh Crisis*. Marc was a Best of the Fest selection at the 2022 Burbank Comedy Festival and was named one of the 25 Indigenous Comedians to Watch by *IllumiNative Magazine*. *Minneapolis Star-Tribune's* Tom Horgen said Marc's comedy "Tore the house down."

Jim Ruel is a comedian, writer, director, producer and actor. He is a member of the Bay Mills Band of Ojibwe. He grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he spent the first 10 years of his career performing in comedy clubs around the Midwest. He was a finalist in NBC's Diversity Talent Search which led to his first television appearance on *The World Stands Up*, which was taped in London. He was also featured on *Goin' Native: The American Indian Comedy Slam* on Showtime and *First Nations Comedy Experience* on FX. He currently tours with Another Indian Uprising.

Jim Ruel also works in film and media under Frybread Productions, a Native-owned video production company. Jim Ruel is a co-host of the Hollywood NDNz podcast, highlighting careers of Native American professionals in entertainment. Jim Ruel currently lives in Los Angeles with his girlfriend and their daughter.

Ernest Tsosie, comedian and actor, is a member of the Screen Actors Guild. His professional acting credits

include the Netflix movie *Rez Ball* as well as multiple appearances on the popular AMC TV shows *Longmire*, *Better Call Saul*, *Dark Winds* and NBC's *Rutherford Falls*. As a comedian, Ernest has entertained coast to coast, from the world famous Laugh Factory in Hollywood, to the House of Comedy in Phoenix and even the prestigious Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Ernest is always looking for a good time, and he's serious about being funny.

Monique Moreau is a Cree/Saulteaux comedian, writer and voiceover actress from Alberta, Canada. She is a regular at the Largo at the Coronet and she plays Dr. French on *The Great North* (Fox/Hulu). She writes children's television and has written episodes of *Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go!* (Netflix) and *Carl the Collector* (PBS). Her stand-up can be described as short anecdotes about growing up adopted in a multi-racial family, an adulthood with multiple disabilities (Autism and a visual impairment), and dealing with the nuance of being Indigenous and LGBTQ+ in a polarized society.

Andre Bouchard (of Kootenai/Ojibwe/Pend d'Oreille/Flathead Salish descent) is a producer, director, consultant and agent who was born and raised on the Flathead Reservation in western Montana the son of a CSKT enrolled father and a white mother. Andre aspires to serve as an inter-cultural activist, working to build bridges and reverse the invisibility that serves to marginalize Native people in the US.

Arts in the Curriculum & Community

During their time on campus, the artists of *Some Stars of Native American Comedy* will take part in a workshop and dinner with North Park House, Allen House and the Native American Program.



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