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The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents
“The Troublemakers of Comedy”
June 18 at 7:30

Scott Paparcuri and John McClellan, 20-year solo veterans of the national comic stage, will join forces to bring their bad-boy antics to Dix Hills

DIX HILLS, NY, May 19, 2010 -- The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center presents comedy veterans Scott Paparcuri and John McClellan in their national tour as “The Troublemakers of Comedy”, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Born and raised in Hicksville, NY, Scott Paparcuri’s career has taken him all over the country performing in venues large and small. Proud that he has not held down a “day job” in 17 years, Scott writes and performs his own material. Scott went to catholic school for 12 years -- and, as nothing is sacred, many of those experiences are reflected in his act. He later attended St. John’s University, where he performed standup for the first time in 1988 at Chuckle's Comedy Club in Mineola.



After transferring to Oneonta University, he focused on becoming an all-around entertainer, performing stand-up at bars, and opened for comedians visiting campus. He was a disc jockey on the campus radio station, WONY-FM, and was lead singer of cover band Skin Deep.

Scott decided to try the “straight life” after graduating from college and began his first (and only) “real” job as a sales representative for Snappy Car Rental on Long Island. That gig lasted two years until Scott made the decision to pursue comedy full time.

In August 1995, he left on the five-month nationwide Sony Maximum Television Tour, where he promoted the company’s all-new digital in-stadium satellite system to NFL markets across the country. While on tour Scott was able to perform at the top comedy clubs across the country under Sony sponsorship.

After winning "Rolanda's National Talent Search" on ABC-TV, Scott studied acting in Manhattan for nine months in 1996 and was named Comedian of the Year by New York Newsday. Shortly afterwards, he launched "Kiss in the Morning with Ross, Courtney and Scott" a morning radio show on KISS/95.7 FM in Hartford, CT.

Scott's comedy career continued to grow with appearances on MTV's "Spring Break: Shut Up and Laugh" and HBO's "Inside the NFL, among other national programs. He also opened for and hosted a Stone Temple Pilots/Aerosmith Concert on MTV, as well as entertaining at such prestigious venues as the Las Vegas MGM Grand, the Hartford Civic Center and Westbury Music Fair on Long Island. He was also a featured guest on "The Howard Stern Show".

His "partner in crime" on this tour, John McClellan, is an edgy 20-year veteran comedian/social observer from New Jersey that Long Island Entertainment magazine has called "darkly hilarious." Also called "Brutally funny" by the Chicago Sun Times, McClellan provides a show bare-boned and deliberate in delivery and grand in response.



A favorite at top comedy clubs across the country, John's humor comes from his unique and off-center point of view. The Long Island Entertainment News said he possesses "a razor sharp sense of sarcasm coupled with a working stiff sensibility... what real stand up is all about."

John has found a home in New York City after his stand up start in Ohio followed by a move to Chicago. In addition to performing at clubs nationwide, he has won the Seattle International Comedy Competition, appeared in the San Francisco Comedy Competition and the Chicago Comedy Festival and has been seen in concert opening for Bobcat Goldthwaite, Spyrogyra, Collective Soul and David Lee Roth.

The stream-of-consciousness of a child on Santa Claus' lap, the confidence of a prize fighter, the power of a punk band, the imminence of tomorrow... John McClellan is one of today's best stand-up comics. Together with Scott Paparcuri, he's double trouble.

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center

The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center is located at Five Towns College, 305 North Service Road, Dix Hills, New York, 11746-5857. For more information and ticket sales, please contact the Dix Hills Performing Arts Center box office at (631) 656-2148 or visit online at www.DHPAC.org. Become a fan on Facebook! (Dix Hills Performing Arts Center).

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