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**The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center
welcomes New Jersey’s “King of Vaudeville,”
Comedian Uncle Floyd
Aug. 14 at 7:30**

Seen in many films, his own television series, on stage nationwide,
America’s ‘funny uncle’ always pleases Dix Hills audiences

July 27, 2010, Dix Hills, New York – The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center will present the enthusiastic 2010 return of comedian Uncle Floyd, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Best known as the star of NBC’s classic “Uncle Floyd Show,” and from roles in top motion pictures such as “Good Morning Vietnam,” and his long-running weekly Italian radio show, “Uncle” Floyd Vivino, Floyd is most comfortable and locally revered on stage as a comedian in the great Vaudeville tradition.

Some credit the cult popularity of his television show with helping to knock the legendary cult series “Star Trek” off the air. Some say he inspired David Bowie to write a song about him in 2002, and that Bowie credits the late John Lennon with telling him all about this American phenomenon. He frequently sells out in Dix Hills with standing ovations.

Born in Paterson, N.J. on October 19, 1951, Uncle Floyd began his career in show business as a child performer, giving piano recitals and appearing as a

dancer with Sandra Lee and Jill Davison. He danced at the 1964 World's Fair in New York and at the Steel Pier in Atlantic City. As a high school student he was being groomed by dance and piano instructors to pursue careers in those fields. Finding it difficult to practice the piano eight hours a day or work out in ballet class, he dropped both in his junior year, performing instead in the drama club.

In high school, he found the sound of laughter on stage more fulfilling than applause. After high school he went right to work in show business, finding employment in the circus, at night clubs, amusement parks, and as a comedian in the few remaining burlesque shows. His varied experiences in the performing arts finally led him to television where he began his own show titled *The Uncle Floyd Show* in New Jersey on January 29, 1974. The show developed a loyal following in the New York-New Jersey area in the 1970's.

In February 1987 Floyd started his own Italian radio program *The Italian-American Serenade*, broadcast on WRTN-FM out of New Rochelle, N.Y. Floyd claims to have the largest private collection of Italian records outside of Italy, some 250,000 recordings.

He has appeared as an actor on NBC's *Law and Order* (twice), ABC-TV soap opera *Loving*, *Bill Boggs Comedy Tonight* (syndicated), *Nickelodeon's Turkey TV*, and has guest hosted for Gilbert Gottfried on *USA-TV's Up All Night*. Comedy Channel audiences have seen him in the *Dr. Demento Show*. Between all this he managed to get acting roles in several films including "Good Morning Vietnam," "Crazy People" "Mr. Wonderful," "A Pyromaniac's Love Story," and "The Clowns Of Babylon."

Performing live however, has always remained his first love. He has played the Catskill and Pocono mountains resorts for many years, working the stages at *Caesars*, *The Fernwood*, *Friar Tuck*, *Roseland Ranch*, *Green Lake*, *The Nevelle Pine Grove*, *Kelly's*, *Villa Baglieri* and *Villa Roma*. He has also toured with or opened for many including *Jimmy Roselli*, *Lou Monte*, *Melba Moore*, *Jerry Vale*, *Pat Cooper*, *Al Martino*, *Pete Seeger*, *Toni Arden*, *Julius LaRosa*, *Tom Chapin*, *Eddie Rabbit*, and *Jimmy Sturr*. Currently living in New Jersey, Floyd appears live about 300 nights a year in clubs and on stage.

"We are excited to welcome Uncle Floyd back for another highly entertaining performance at The Dix Hills Performing Arts Center," said Sandy Hinden, Director of the Center. "His show is always one of the best-received in our line-up and audiences love him year after year."

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).