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NATIONALLY RENOWNED COMIC AND ACTOR STEVE BYRNE SLATED TO KICK OFF IMPROV OPENING WEEKEND

Comedic talent lineup through Oct. 9 announced; Pre-sale tickets available Friday, June 18

Town of Brookfield, Wis. – On the heels of the announcement that Improv's first Wisconsin location at The Corners of Brookfield will open its doors on August 20, the comedy brand today announced its lineup of comics for the first eight weekends. The lineup includes some of the top comedians in the country, many of whom have been featured on Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon and The Joe Rogan Experience, and starred in popular TV shows including Silicon Valley, Saturday Night Live, Sullivan & Son, The League and more.

Setting the stage opening weekend, **Aug. 20 – 22**, will be one of the most respected family-friendly comedians in the industry, **Steve Byrne**, Philadelphia native and the star of Sullivan & Son. Following Byrne, from **Aug. 26 – 29** Improv will welcome **Dusty Slay**, Variety's Top Comic to Watch in 2019 and frequent Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel Live guest.

Beginning in September, Saturday Night Live star <u>Melissa Villaseñor</u> will kick off the month from **Sept. 3-5.** From **Sept. 10 – 12** New York Times Best Selling author, actor and "original king of comedy," <u>DL Hughley</u> will bring his talents to Improv Milwaukee. Next, the comedy venue will welcome <u>TJ Miller</u>, Silicon Valley actor and esteemed comedian from **Sept. 17– 19.** During the last weekend of the month, **Sept. 23 – 25,** comedian <u>Steve Rannazzisi</u>, who first got his start on stage but is now well-known for his role in The League, will be welcomed by the community.

<u>Sam Comroe</u>, who once graced the stage on America's Got Talent, but will now kick off the October lineup, will perform **Oct. 1 – 3.** Following Comroe, podcaster and stand-up comedian <u>Tim Dillon</u> will come to The Corners of Brookfield **Oct. 7 – 9.**

"We're incredibly proud to be opening our first Wisconsin location with such a powerhouse of talented comedians," said Erin Von Schoenfeldt, SVP of Programming for The Improv & Levity Live. "This lineup has something for everyone, no matter what your taste is in comedy. We have shows you can bring your mother to and shows you probably shouldn't bring her to. We know there's heightened anticipation for entertainment, and we can't wait for our community to see the venue and get out and laugh."

For exclusive access to purchase pre-sale tickets beginning on June 18, sign up at www.milwaukeeimprov.com. Public tickets for the first eight weekends will be available beginning Tuesday, June 22. Artists performing at Improv from mid-October through the end of the year will be announced later this month.

About Improv:

Since 1963, Improv comedy clubs have been the premier stages for live comedy in the United States. Over the decades, the talent who have graced Improv stages represent the Who's Who in American comedy, including Tim Allen, George Carlin, Jim Carrey, Dana Carvey, Dave Chappelle, Margaret Cho, Billy Crystal, Rodney Dangerfield, Larry David, Ellen DeGeneres, Jamie Foxx, Arsenio Hall, Andy Kaufman, Jay Leno, Richard Lewis, Bette Midler, Eddie Murphy, Rosie O'Donnell, Paula Poundstone, Freddie Prinze, Richard Pryor, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler, Jerry Seinfeld, Sarah Silverman, Wanda Sykes, David Spade, Lily Tomlin, Robin Williams, and more. Today, the Improv remains the largest live comedy brand in the world and the most prestigious performance space for emerging and established comedians alike. For more information visit www.improv.com, Facebook or Instagram.

About Levity Live:

Levity Live is a leading entertainment company comprising talent management, a national network of live entertainment venues, and the iconic Improv comedy brand. Levity Live owns and operates a portfolio of venues under multiple consumer brands, including the Improv, Levity Live and Copper Blues. There are an additional fifteen licensee Improv stand-up comedy clubs, making the company's portfolio of twenty-five owned and affiliated venues the largest live comedy network in the nation. http://www.levitylive.com/

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