

Announcing the fourth annual Fifty First Jokes, the new year's themed comedy blowout.

Tuesday, January 5th, 2010

Fifty First Jokes returns for the fourth year in a row Tuesday, January 5th, once again bringing comedy and comedians in abundance. Fifty of the world's funniest comedians will gather for one night to debut their first joke of 2010 in an unpredictable party atmosphere. It's the only comedy show with a scope of this kind, and the only one with the chutzpah to demand material crafted a mere 115.5 hours after the ball has dropped in Times Square.

Fifty First Jokes gathers acclaimed comics from throughout the NY comedy scene, including talent from the finest comedy institutions of our day: stand-ups and writers from Comedy Central, The Onion, The Daily Show, The Colbert Report, Saturday Night Live, Conan O'Brien, Letterman, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, Family Guy and Last Comic Standing. Together, they form a giant, twinkling star mass of comedy. Nations will mistake it for a new planet, probably, and fight to claim it.

Fifty First Jokes is the creation of comedians Claudia Cogan (New York Magazine's "Ten Funny People Funny People Find Funny"), Jiwon Lee (Lewis Black's Root of All Evil, NBC's Standup for Diversity) and John F. O'Donnell (Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Comedy Central's Fresh Faces of Comedy). Each year it keeps getting bigger and bigger. This thrillride has already gone from a bar's backroom in 2007 to a sold-out rock venue filled with over 300 keen comedy lovers in 2009.

Due to its megawatt output, Fifty First Jokes is taking over The Studio at Webster Hall, just like they did in 2009. The Fifty First Jokes producers consider The Studio to be the only brick and mortar enclosure in Manhattan sturdy enough for intense comedy athletics of this kind. It's like a chin-up contest on red bull and vodkas. Or maybe that's the drink that leads to chin-up contests. Who knows? What we do know is Fifty First Jokes will prove the first time isn't terrifying -- it's fun. Plus we guarantee when it's over, you'll want more.

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7:30 doors / 8:00 show

\$5 advance / \$7 door

The Studio @ Webster Hall

125 E 11th St

New York, NY 10003

(212) 353-1600

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website: <http://fiftyfirstjokes.info>

The Studio: <http://www.websterhall.com/thestudio/2009/>

Scheduled to perform: Lizz Winstead (Shoot the Messenger; The Daily Show), Joe Garden (writer, The Onion), Victor Varnado (Conan O'Brien, Comedy Central's upcoming The

Awkward Kings of Comedy), Kumail Nanjiani (Comedy Central's Hot List; Letterman), Anthony Jeselnik (Late Night With Conan O'Brian, Jimmy Kimmel Live), Amy Schumer (Last Comic Standing), Myq Kaplan (Comedy Central Presents), Thomas Middleditch (Splinterheads), Jon Friedman (The Rejection Show; writer, Late Night With Jimmy Fallon blog), Matt McCarthy (Montreal Comedy Festival; red headed Verizon guy), Mike Drucker (writer, Saturday Night Live Weekend Update), Giulia Rozzi (VH1), Jackie Monahan (Logo), Sean Patton (VH1; Live at Gotham) and more.

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