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featuring

ILIZA SHLESINGER LOUIS RAMEY
JIM TAVARÉ MARCUS JEFF DYE

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You've seen them on TV, you voted for them - now they are here!
An evening of great stand-up comedy featuring the five finalists from
NBC's Emmy-Nominated laughfest "Last Comic Standing."
You're sure to enjoy this evening, as Marcus, Jeff Dye, Louis Ramey,
Iliza Shlesinger, and Jim Tavaré ignite the stage with the jokes and
laughter that made them the final five in America's funniest reality show!

Winning the 2008 season of "Last Comic Standing" will allow
Iliza to keep buying medicine for her big orange cat, and to
retire a car that even Los Angeles valets won't park.

Being the first female and youngest winner of the show is just
a part of this hard working comedian's career. She's been
perfecting her act by working almost nightly since she
moved to Los Angeles. In 2007, she won Myspace's "So You
Think You're Funny" contest and was featured as G4 Network's
"Myspace Girl of the Week." TV credits include E! Network's
Channel's "History of Jokes." She's recently appeared on El's
"The Soup" and has taped an appearance for "Chelsea Lately."

She's written for heavy.com, had her own show on GOTV's
mobile network, and hosts "The Weakly News with Iliza" on
streamtv.com, to mention only a few of her successes. When
she's not performing, she sleeps or watches the Food Network.

Raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, Marcus learned at an early
age that he has a talent for voices, mastering some of his
earliest ones by age 10. Over the next 20 years, Marcus
dabbled in all sorts of careers including acting, professional
wrestling and singing in a rock band before finding a job at a
local radio station anonymously doing celebrity impressions.

One day, he was talked into giving stand-up a try and he
never looked back. He quickly developed a following who
loved his high energy show and unique take on impressions.

Marcus is becoming one of the fastest rising stars in
comedy today. He won the 2007 Rocky Mountain Laugh-Off,
and the 2007 Seattle International Comedy Competition - not
to mention being a Finalist on the 2008 season of NBC's
"Last Comic Standing." www.myspace.com/marcuscomedy
Jeff Dye is a rising star in the comedy scene who has performed all over the country.

In 2007 he won the Giggles 10th Annual Laff Off, and he took 3rd place in the Giggles Laff Off in 2006.

He has also been a semifinalist in the Seattle International comedy competition.

Jeff doesn't see irony in his act, but he is still very edgy and creative. His humor takes you into his mind - which some describe as "a charmingly twisted experience."

"Jim Tavaré is an enormously talented individual, whose comic presence and off-the-wall material makes him one of the funniest and most original performers around."
- The Independent

"Fresh, funny and imaginative without a trace of elitism."
- The Guardian

"Full of visual flair and some really great gags. Who's please."
- The Mail on Sunday

"Finally one of the profession's funniest men gets the series he so richly deserves."
- The Express

"The only comedian performing tonight who has no bio to include in our audience playbill."
- The Center for Performing Arts at GSU

Louis Ramey is a sharp-witted humorist who lives and breathes comedy. A world traveler, he thrives on touring and live performance. Voted 2006 Comic of the Year by APCA, the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities, and also a member of NACA, the National Association for Campus Activities, he's performed at hundreds of colleges in the USA.

Over the years, he's been invited to perform at many Comedy Festivals around the world. His first was the USCAF (HBO US Comedy Arts Festival) where in 1999 he was voted Best New Artist. He's also participated in the JUST FOR LAUGHS Comedy Festival in Montreal in both 2002 and 2003.

In 2004 he performed at The Halifax Comedy Festival in Nova Scotia to rave reviews, and in March 2006 he entertained at the Winnipeg Comedy Festival where he was warmly welcomed. He's even been to Guantanamo Bay, entertaining the troops. Look for Louis on the road in 2008-2009 as he continues his "Life's Quest for Comedy!"
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