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Tom and Dick
The Smothers Brothers Show
Special Guest
The Yo Yo Man

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The Smothers Brothers

Time has been an essential ingredient in the Smothers Brothers' success. They have been considered ahead of their time, masters of timing and practitioners of timeless comedy. Now as they mark over 44 years in show business, the Smothers Brothers are being saluted as time-honored legends whose lengthy career has surpassed all other comedy teams in history.

With their singular blend of comedic and musical talents, the irrepressible brothers have made a sweeping impact on diverse generations of fans. Such lasting power is a testimonial to their intuitive humor, natural warmth, superlative showmanship and the pure unadulterated joy they bring to audiences of all ages.

The Smothers Brothers' first professional appearance was at The Purple Onion in San Francisco in 1959 and their first national television appearance was on the Jack Paar show on January 28, 1961.

Over four decades of audiences have seen the Smothers Brothers in their own primetime comedy series in the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's guest appearances on numerous television programs, countless engagements as headliners in Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe, a hot-selling video, twelve top-selling albums, as well as continuous coast-to-coast concert tours, some with symphony orchestras.

The contributions Tom and Dick have made to the entertainment world throughout their careers are so highly respected that the Museum of Television and Radio in New York produced a retrospective and seminar on their work, an honor not lightly accorded. On the other coast, Hollywood ceremoniously distinguished them with one of its most valuable awards: a star on the noted Hollywood Walk of Fame. The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour is now studied in universities across the country as an important factor in the revolutionary changes undergone in the U.S. during the 1960's.

The millennium has brought new honors for the legendary duo, including a reunion of The Smothers Brothers' Comedy Hour at the USA Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, induction into the illustrious Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame, 2003 Freedom of Expression Award presented at the annual Video Software Dealers’ Association in Las Vegas (2002 recipient was George Carlin) and Honorary Doctorate Degrees from their alma mater, San Jose State University.

On the personal side, both Tom and Dick pursue their interests with the same fervor as their work. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, Dick can be found cycling or practicing yoga. Even on the road, he doesn't miss a beat as he maintains a disciplined regimen of robust workouts at the nearest health club. Equally at home in the kitchen, Dick is known to conjure up delicious heart healthy cuisine. Dick doesn't merely pursue an interest, he masters it.

Tom's pastime passion is for golf, which is no surprise to the millions of viewers who have followed him through the various pro-am tournaments he plays each year. True to form, however, Tom is not simply content to being one of the most popular attractions on the golf circuit. Ever inventive, he decided the game needed an added feature: the yo-yo. And, as many golf fans have already observed, Tom is the only golfer known who can sink a put with the popular toy. Tom also enjoys tending to his vineyard and his award-winning winery, Remick Ridge.

Tom and Dick were born in New York City, graduated from Redondo Union High School, and attended San Jose State University. Tom was a gymnast and Dick was on the track team.

Tom's wife is the former Marcy Carriker and they have two children, Bo and Riley Rose. Tom also has a son, Tom Jr.

Dick is married to the former Denby Franklin and they have a combined eleven children. His six are Susan, Dick Jr., Steven, Andrew, Sarah and Remick.

The Smothers Brothers have been described as one of the most successful teams in history, comedic treasures, comic geniuses, rare, original and peerless. Justifiably, time has provided another term. An American Classic.

There will be no intermission during tonight's performance.
Yo Yo Man

New and renewed yo-yo enthusiasts have come to see their spiritual leader of Yo. The Yo-Yo Man, embodies a phenomena that has captured the imagination and hearts of audiences everywhere. His appeal is direct and simple: pure unadulterated fun. Indeed, his whimsical touch has even been known to transform grandparents into children.

On stage, the Yo-Yo Man begins his tricks with a trademark dance-like step that signals he’s in a “State of Yo” and ready to proceed. With each successive trick, the spirits rise until the crowd can no longer contain itself and contagiously fills the air with shouts of “Yo!”

Remarkably, the Yo-Yo Man achieves all this without ever uttering a word. Dick (the Voice of Yo) authoritatively speaks for him as he explains, “When you’re fully Yo from head to toe, you’re online with the world.”

Through yo-ing, the Yo-Yo Man and his following know that enlightenment, or the blissful State of Yo, can be attained. Consequently, they ardently pursue their skill as one pursues a passion. Besides providing uplifting entertainment, there are other benefits derived from the world of Yo. Classes in yo-ing are available for students, provided as a means of constructively focusing the students’ energies into the positive goals of development and achievement of a skill, as well as the sheer enjoyment of it. Indeed, yo-ing has also been found to be an effective rehabilitation tool for those with motor disabilities. It provides a relatively simple, yet pleasurable means of overcoming various difficulties. Thus, the increased popularity of the yo-yo is not only that of a toy, but has additionally become an option for uses beyond entertainment.

Whether used for purpose or pleasure however, there is one thing on which all yo-ists and Yo-Yo Man fans concur. They share the delight of knowing that when in a state of Yo, life is enhanced. The sky is bluer, the air is cleaner and the world is a little bit rounder. Moreover, there’s nothing to analyze, memorize or scrutinize. Simply take heed of those immortal words……. ……….”Just Say Yo”.