

Performers

Below are just a few of the talent involved with The New York Underground Comedy Festival. Every year we have dozens of performers entertain our diverse audiences.

Rick Overton made his first onscreen appearance in the 1982 film *Young Doctors in Love*, followed by a small role in *Airplane II: The Sequel* later that year. In 1987, he wrote an episode of *The New Adventures of Beans Baxter* while also appearing in various films and television shows including: *Willow*, *Amazing Stories*, and *Million Dollar Mystery*.

In 1992, he landed a role in the FOX Network sketch comedy show *The Edge*. The show ended in 1993. Later that year, Overton appeared in two episodes of *Seinfeld* and landed a small role in *Mrs. Doubtfire*. The following year, he won an Emmy for writing an episode of *Dennis Miller Live*.

In 2005, Overton appeared on *Alias* and *Joan Of Arcadia*; in the latter he played God explaining to the title character the meaning of real wealth. He also portrayed both H.G. Wells and Orson Welles in a podcast episode of *The Radio Adventures of Dr. Floyd* that same year.

In 2008, Overton is set to appear in the film *A Fork in the Road* alongside Jaime King.

Brian McKim is a writer and professional standup comic who has performed in all 50 states! He has appeared on numerous network, syndicated and cable TV shows including "Evening at the Improv," "Into the Night," "Star Search" and on "The Bob & Tom Show."

Website: www.myspace.com/brianmckim

Josh Homer, winner of Best Emerging Comic at the 2007 New York Underground Comedy Festival. Josh is a promising new comic whose roster of experience includes stand-up comedy, sketch comedy, improv performance, filming, and production. The past year has been monumental for Josh, he welcomed a new child into his life and his act. His talent has been recognized by the likes of the legendary Paul Mooney, who personally selected Josh to open for him at Caroline's Comedy Club in New York City. Josh can also be seen on Comedy Central's *Live at Gotham*.

Website: www.joshhomer.com

Reese Water's soft, smooth delivery, more Sam Cooke than Sam Kinison, has been heard all across the United States, including *The Improv* and *The Comedy Store* in Los Angeles, and Caroline's on Broadway and *Gotham Comedy Club* in New York. In April 2008, Reese won the annual Caroline's March Madness Comedy Competition and in October 2008, he won the Emerging Comics Contest at the NY Underground Comedy Festival. Reese's

television appearances include Comics Unleashed, Total Request Live, Good Morning America, PBS, BET's My Two Cents, Italy's Rai International and promos for Comedy Central's Root of All Evil, and he was featured in New York magazine in 2009 as one of ten comedians to watch.

Liz Miele made her debut in the New York comedy scene as a determined and precocious 16 year old. By 18 she was turning heads with a profile in the humor issue of The New Yorker Magazine. Now a "veteran" at 24, Liz is a regular at the best clubs in the city including Carolines, Gotham and Comix. She tackles such topics as inter-racial dating, fear of walking home alone, and mental illness in her family with a sarcastic wit and youthful charm. She was recently featured on Comedy Central's Live at Gotham, and has also appeared on The Late Show, The Daily Show and The WE Network. Liz was a finalist in the 2004 Ladies of Laughter and 2008 March Comedy Madness at Carolines contests, and was the winner of the 2008 Gilda's Club contest.

Website: www.lizmiele.com

With over 2 dozen television credits to her name, CAROLE MONTGOMERY is an respected veteran of the standup comedy scene nationwide. In addition to her numerous tv appearances, Carole has headlined clubs & colleges across the USA and starred in 2 different Las Vegas production shows. In her ten years as a LAS VEGAS STAR, it is estimated that she has been seen by over 2 million audience members. Las Vegas Sun calls Carole "one of Vegas' premier comics" San Antonio Express Times say Carole is "one of the pioneering female comics of the modern era" Seattle Times calls Carole "one of the strongest women working today"

Website: www.carolemontgomery.com

BILLY THE MIME garnered international attention with his show stopping appearance in the hit documentary THE ARISTOCRATS.

Billy's television appearances include The Jimmy Kimmel Show on ABC and Penn & Teller's Bullshit! on Showtime. He appeared at The New York International Fringe Festival garnering rave reviews and sold-out shows. The New York Times called Billy's live show "Politically incorrect, shockingly unsentimental and as uncomfortably funny as a dirty joke in church! Sardonicly twisted! Skillfully obscene! Chilling!"

Website: www.billythemime.net

Comedian Charlie Moreno takes real details of his troubled life to create original, brutally honest stories that may leave you feeling guilty for laughing. His stories range from his childhood living in government housing and being homeless as an adult, to dating the wrong women and television celebrities. His light hearted, yet dark and edgy material has been compared to the likes of John Leguizamo and Richard Pryor.

Website: www.charliemoreno.net

Also performing: John Fugelsang (All The Wrong Reasons - Off Broadway) Paul Provenza (The Aristocrats) Wayne Federman (The Pete Maravich Story, Jimmy Fallon) Felicia Micheals (Star Search Champion) Whitney Brown (SNL, The Daily Show) Taylor Negrón (Curb Your Enthusiasm, Reno 911) Joe Starr (Important Thing with Demetri Martin) Leighann Lord (HBO, The View) J. son (Naked Boy News, CNN) Rachel Robbins (Playboy Model) Charlie Viracola (Conan O'Brien, Planet Charlie) Jim Mendrinós (The Strategy Room, Idiot's Guide To Comedy Writing) Stephen Kruiser (Planet Kruiser

Radio)Vanessa Hollingshead (Comedy Central Presents)Mark Riccadonna (Spike TV)DJ Hazard (Louder Than Words)Reese Waters (Comedy Central)Carole Montgomery (Las Vegas Headliner, Showtime Comedy AllStars)