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SNL Alum Tim Meadows to Headline Four Star Comedy Fest at Navy Pier

*Tickets Go On Sale for this Inaugural Navy Pier Event
Wednesday, September 12 at 10 a.m.*

CHICAGO — Navy Pier, Inc. is excited to announce that **Saturday Night Live** alum **Tim Meadows** and his star-studded improv troupe **Uncle's Brother** will headline the inaugural **Four Star Comedy Fest at Navy Pier** in the historic Grand Ballroom!

On **Saturday, Oct. 6**, help Navy Pier celebrate the art form of improvisation as it was developed here in Chicago with a full day of classes, discussion and performances by Chicago's premiere talent.

From 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., attendees will have the chance to participate in **free workshops** for the entire family taught by some of Chicago's most well-respected improv training centers including **ComedySportz** and **iO**.

Then, **from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.**, the Pier's historic Grand Ballroom will be transformed into an intimate cabaret setting to host performances by some of Chicago's most acclaimed improv performers including **Tim Meadows** teaming with former **The Second City Mainstage** cast members and **iO** alumni **Brad Morris** and **Joe Canale** to form **Uncle's Brother**, one of the funniest troupes you'll ever see improvise.

The top Chicago improv troupes also scheduled to perform include:

- The Improvised Shakespeare Company
- Cook County Social Club
- Improv Nerd featuring iO founder Charna Halpern
- Baby Wants Candy

Tickets to the **Four Star Comedy Fest at Navy Pier** will be available on Ticketmaster beginning **Wednesday, September 12 at 10 a.m.**

Ticket prices are as follows:

\$39 - General Admission/ (Balcony) Standing Room Only.

\$69 - General Admission/ (Main Floor) Seated. Ticket price includes one complimentary cocktail (choice of mixed drink, beer or wine).

\$99 - Preferred Seating/ (Main Floor). You will be seated in the first four rows from the stage and will have table service. Ticket price includes one complimentary cocktail (choice of mixed drink, beer or wine).

Improv is an essential component of the cultural fabric of Chicago. The Pier is proud to display our city's cultural legacy for the world. Whether you are new to improv, a comedy pro or just simply love to laugh, **Four Star Comedy Fest at Navy Pier** in the historic Grand Ballroom will be the place to be on **Oct. 6**. You won't want to miss this **inaugural Navy Pier event!**

For additional details regarding ticket sales please visit: www.navy Pier.com/fourstarcomedyfest or <http://www.facebook.com/#!/TheChicagoSchoolOfComedy>.

For information about Navy Pier and Four-Star Comedy Fest, please contact Nick Shields at 312-595-5136 or email nshields@navypier.com. To set up an interview with Jimmy Carrane or Ben Capraro, artistic directors of the Chicago School of Comedy, please email chicagoschoolofcomedy@gmail.com.

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ABOUT CHICAGO SCHOOL OF COMEDY

Founded in 2012 by Ben Capraro and Jimmy Carrane, Chicago School of Comedy is dedicated to the promotion and advancement of improvisation and the promotion of Chicago as the influential center of American comedy. Jimmy Carrane is the host of the popular podcast Improv Nerd. He teaches the Art of Slow Comedy, and has previously taught at The Second City, iO-Chicago, The Annoyance Theater, Victory Gardens and Stage 773. Ben Capraro is an

improviser and recovering attorney. He has studied at The Second City and is the producer of the Improv Nerd podcast.

ABOUT NAVY PIER

A Chicago Landmark since 1916, Navy Pier has evolved from a freight passenger ship docking facility to the #1 tourist attraction in the Midwest, drawing nearly nine million visitors annually. Navy Pier currently encompasses more than fifty acres of parks, gardens, shops, restaurants, family attractions and exhibit facilities, making it a tourists and visitors entertainment hub. For more information, visit our website at www.navy Pier.com.