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New Comedy Festival Coming to Downtown Traverse City

Dozens of comics to perform in multiple venues throughout town next February

A new comedy festival featuring more than 40 comedians, five venues and three days of laugh-packed performances is coming to downtown Traverse City February 2-4, 2023.

Hosted by the Downtown Traverse City Association (DTCA), the Traverse City Comedy Fest will feature a mix of stand-up performances, improv, podcast tapings and specialty shows. More than 40 comedians – including national headliners and local and state favorites – will appear in over 20 shows over the three-day festival. Events will be held at the City Opera House, Traverse City Comedy Club, Encore 201, The Workshop Brewing Company and Hotel Indigo. With a diverse mix of genres and styles – including both large mainstage performances and intimate smaller shows – there will be something for everyone at the Traverse City Comedy Fest!

The event will also offer opportunities for those interested in writing or performing comedy to hone their craft. Workshops will be held for aspiring and veteran comics, and nightly open mic sessions will be open to aspiring comics looking for stage time. The full festival lineup, schedule of events, and ticket sale details will be released in the coming weeks at TCComedyFest.com.

The Traverse City Comedy Fest aims to bring laughter and entertainment to the community during the winter off-season, as well as provide an economic boost to our local businesses.

“The Traverse City Film Festival ran a great comedy event for several years, and we were sorry to see it go when it was discontinued,” said Traverse City Downtown Development Authority CEO Jean Derenzy. “Our goal is to bring an annual comedy event back to downtown Traverse City and build on the excitement and support audiences have clearly shown for having comedy in the community. We're looking forward to doing that in partnership with many local comedians, groups, and venues that also support comedy, as well as state and national performers excited to connect with Traverse City audiences.”

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