

Dear Friends of Comedy:

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I recently returned from California where I had a great time doing seven shows in nine days, working on a film and seeing old friends. I also brought back some Meyer lemons from my Meyer lemon tree, but that probably doesn't interest you much. They taste great, though, almost as sweet as oranges.

My website (www.BrainChampagne.com) has a new comedic essay on it. If you're curious about the dating habits of a comedian and perhaps his observations from a comedy standpoint, well, feel free to read it. It's not private- I put it on the internet for your amusement.

I'm continuing to run the Ivy League Comedy Showcase shows-- and we'll be expanding to other cities. "Ivy League Comedy: The Smartest You'll Ever Laughsm." If you want us to bring the showcase to your city, try this: Ask me.

And of course I still perform at comedy clubs in NYC and elsewhere. Check the website for my schedule. Then bookmark the site and visit it frequently as I often get last-minute bookings. I don't send out emails to announce shows- that's what the Schedule page is for.

You want jokes? Here are a few jokes Jay Leno didn't buy from me recently:

The New York Times is reporting that the Rolling Stones had the highest-grossing tour ever, taking in \$437 million. Or, in terms Keith Richards understands, 1.1 billion grams.

Air France and KLM are holding merger talks with Alitalia. Just what the world needs-- French customer service combined with Dutch food and Italian scheduling.

Despite her recent arrest for drunk-driving, Nicole Ritchie fans still say she's worth her weight in gold... a dollar seventy three.

Vice President Cheney continues to deny global warming. He says the reason he's sweating is just because oil has dropped below sixty dollars a barrel.

(You want the ones he did buy? You have to watch his show.)

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Remember, a stand-up comedy show is an inexpensive night of live entertainment, and if there are people you need to entertain for business-- take them to a comedy show! If you want a clean, private show for just your company, charity or other organization, that's easily arranged----

If you need a comedian for an event, public or private, please contact me (212 252-2888 or via email). Corporate entertaining? A surprise party for that wonderful man in your neighborhood pizza place? A fundraiser for your child's karate school? Your turtle-racing club's annual meeting? Let me know. I'm also available for any event for which you need an emcee. And if there's a comedian you've seen on TV that you'd like to hire for an event, ask me. I'm always willing to share the stage, and I can probably work out a deal for you-- I've made some friends in this business and they may be more likely to take the booking if they know that I'm arranging things (someone else to take care of a lot of details that you wouldn't think about when setting up a show, so they can concentrate on just showing up and being funny). I've done this many times before and it's worked out wonderfully for everyone.

And one more thing: I'm often willing, even eager, to perform five or ten minutes of clean, new material for you, at no charge, in a non-traditional venue. Yes, that means that boring staff meeting that nobody wants to go to. I'll come to your office and try out some new material, wake people up, make them laugh. Yes, I'll be passing out business cards afterwards. Your co-workers will be thrilled to get them. And the people in your office will be talking about you for months to come, how you got somebody to come make them laugh when they least expected it.

Email me at Shaun@BrainChampagne.com or call me at (212) 252-2888 for details.

See you at the clubs,

—Shaun Eli

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You are on this mailing list because you're a friend of mine, because you're a fan of mine, because you asked to be on the list, because someone else signed up claiming to be you, because we used to work together, because I met you at some boring function full of people in blue suits and decided that you need more laughter in your life, because we went to school together back when I had more hair and you had fewer dollars or because we went on a date and decided that comedian-audience was a better relationship for us than boyfriend-girlfriend.

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And come to a show!