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Will Take Place At Carolines On Broadway At 6:00 P.M. And At The TBS Comedy Hub At 11:00 P.M. On Saturday, November 11

NEW YORK, October 31, 2017 – Conan O’Brien’s Team Coco and The New York Comedy Festival will present the eighth annual COMICS TO WATCH, a live stand-up showcase featuring the very best new talent from across the country and Canada, selected by producers from Team Coco and the festival.

The annual COMICS TO WATCH stand-up showcase has been one of the festival’s most popular and successful events and this year it will take place on Saturday, November 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Carolines on Broadway and at 11:00 p.m. at the TBS Comedy HUB at the new hotel property PUBLIC.

COMICS TO WATCH is an annual showcase featuring a wide range of diversely talented young comedians selected by Team Coco and NYCF organizers who worked closely together to identify the best new stand-up comedians from all across the country and Canada. An exhaustive search was conducted to find the top young talent from across the country to perform on the show, which was created to help launch the careers of the next generation of comedians by putting them in front of industry executives and comedy fans.

For the first time, a select few of the comedians who perform at this year’s COMICS TO WATCH will also receive a coveted spot performing on tbs’ CONAN.

The November 11th COMICS TO WATCH stand-up showcase will feature the following comedians: Chloe Radcliffe (Minneapolis, MN), Colin Lewis (Edgewater, NJ), Dina Hashem (Iselin, NJ), Erica Spera (Endwell, NY), Ivan Decker (Vancouver, Canada), Jaboukie Young-White (Chicago), JC Currais (Gainesville, FL), Jordan Temple (Queens, NY), Kellen Erskine (Los Angeles), Khalid Rahman (Brooklyn, NY), Michael Longfellow (Phoenix, AZ), and Rocky Dale Davis (Brookwood, AL).

Past COMICS TO WATCH have gone on to greater success, including Michael Che from “Saturday Night Live,” Ali Wong from her hit Netflix special “Baby Cobra,” “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” writers Jo Firestone and Josh Johnson, Andrew Santino from Showtime’s “I’m Dying Up Here,” and “Saturday Night Live” alum Brooks Whelan.

The 2017 NYCF is presented in association with TBS. The festival is produced by Carolines on Broadway. Sponsors of the festival include Citi, Samuel Adams, iHeart Radio, New York Magazine, the New York Post, Variety and Vulture.

More information about the festival can be found on all of its social media platforms:

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About TBS

TBS, a division of Turner, is one of basic cable's top entertainment networks with young adults and home to seven of the most popular and critically acclaimed new comedies on cable - *Angie Tribeca*, *The Detour*, *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*, *People of Earth*, *Search Party*, *Wrecked* and *The Guest Book* - as well as the animated hit *American Dad!* Upcoming comedies include *The Last O.G.*, *Close Enough*, *The Cops*, *Tarantula* and *Final Space*. TBS also presents late-night comedy in the form of *CONAN*, starring Conan O'Brien, and *Full Frontal with Samantha Bee*, and will soon launch a late-night block from Super Deluxe. TBS' slate of unscripted series includes the upcoming competition series *Drop the Mic* and *The Joker's Wild*. In addition, the TBS lineup includes popular comedy hits like *Family Guy*, *The Cleveland Show*, *Bob's Burgers*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *New Girl* and *2 Broke Girls*; blockbuster movies; and live coverage of Major League Baseball's regular and post-season play, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship and ELEAGUE, Turner's eSports gaming league.

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ABOUT THE NEW YORK COMEDY FESTIVAL

Now in its fourteenth year, the New York Comedy Festival is produced by Carolines on Broadway in association with TBS. The festival has featured the country's top comedians, including Aziz Ansari, Judd Apatow, Hannibal Buress, Bill Burr, Louis C.K., Margaret Cho, Billy Crystal, Larry David, Ricky Gervais, Kathy Griffin, Kevin Hart, John Leguizamo, Norm Macdonald, Bill Maher, Tig Notaro, Nick Offerman, Amy Schumer, Sarah Silverman, and Wanda Sykes, to name a few. In 2007, the festival launched the "Stand Up for Heroes" event to benefit The Bob Woodruff Foundation, which has featured performances by Louis C.K., Ricky Gervais, John Mayer, Seth Meyers, John Oliver, Conan O'Brien, Ray Romano, Jerry Seinfeld, Bruce Springsteen, Jon Stewart, and Robin Williams, among others. To date, the "Stand Up for Heroes" events have raised over \$40 million. For more information please visit the NYCF website, like the NYCF Facebook page, and follow the NYCF on Twitter, @NYComedyFest.

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