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Sasha Presents...

COMEDY IN THE CASTRO

Starring:

LONI LOVE - Comic from E!'s "Chelsea Lately"

NENE LEAKES - Bravo's "The Real Housewives of Atlanta"

featuring: the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Sister Roma, Mercedes Monroe,
Willis Turner, and COMEDY IN THE CASTRO producer Sasha Soprano

Premieres FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009

THE CASTRO THEATRE in SF

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(next COMEDY IN THE CASTRO Nov. 13 – starring film & TV star Jennifer Coolidge)

Get Ready San Francisco and welcome COMEDY IN THE CASTRO - an exciting new showcase of comedians, TV personalities and Bay Area drag talent. Each monthly show will feature a headliner and a reality TV star with a spotlight on local celebrities.

Producer and celebute Sasha Soprano brings you two of the most outrageous and candid new TV celebrities to the Castro Theatre for a night of live comedy and take-no-prisoners style of hilarity. Comic **Loni Love** from E!'s Chelsea Lately (*named a Top Ten Comic to Watch –Variety & Comedy Central*) and **Nene Leakes** – TV's garrulous, gorgeous breakout star of Bravo's "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" (*named Diva of the Season –People Magazine*) take the stage for an evening guaranteed to put the laugh in LOL ! Joined on stage with these two fiery performers will be the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Sister Roma, Mercedes Monroe, Willis Turner, and COMEDY IN THE CASTRO producer Sasha Soprano. Sasha will interview Nene Leakes – who will be chatting about her newly published memoir "Never Make the Same Mistake Twice", and spilling the dirt about her life – AND some of the other Housewives! (Nene will be selling and signing books after the performance.) The Castro Theatre is at 429 Castro St. in San Francisco, 94114. Doors open at 7:30 pm and show begins at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 and \$25 and are available thru City Box Office www.cityboxoffice.com 415/ 392- 4400. \$75 VIP Meet-N-Greet tickets – Priority Orch. seats & meet cast after the show.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence's philanthropic work.

Performer Bios:

LONI LOVE

Just how funny is comedian and actress Loni Love? Ask both Variety and Comedy Central, both of which have named her among their Top 10 Comics to Watch, or Campus Activity magazine, which honored her as its Hot Comic for 2009. Currently the host of the E! series "Wildest TV Show Moments," Love is not only one of the most hilarious and lovable comics performing stand-up on the comedy club and college circuits but also a busy TV host, guest and actress who has also appeared in films and live theatre. Love starred in her own half-hour special for Comedy Central in 2007 and has also been seen on the channel's "Premium Blend," "Weekends at the DL" and "Chocolate News". Her many TV appearances include "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn," "The Best Damn Sports Show Period", VH1's "I Love the 70's/80's/90's," "Vh1's The Great Debate" and "Comics Unleashed" among numerous others. Love has enjoyed a recurring role on the Nickelodeon show "Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide" as well as guest starring roles on UPN's "Girlfriends" and the CBS sitcom "Worst Week." She has been a guest host on "GSN Live," and is a regular panelist on E!'s hit show "Chelsea Lately" and TruTV's "The Smoking Gun Presents: The World's Dumbest". In 2009 Loni became a CNN correspondent for the show "D.L. Hughley Breaks the News" covering the inauguration of President Barak Obama. Currently, Loni is working on her first TV special for Comedy Central scheduled to premiere 2010. Loni's first love is performing for live audiences. www.lonilove.com

Youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ypU-RkXw6c>

NENE LEAKES is the breakout star of "The Real Housewives of Atlanta", Bravo-TV's top-rated reality show. Leakes is outrageous, charismatic, and unafraid to tell it like it is as she shares her wild journey from a scandalous past to the pinnacle of reality TV stardom. Lauded by her fans for her refreshing honesty, infectiously genuine style, and clever sense of humor, Nene dishes on her cast mates as well as the rumors about her, while sharing hard-earned and inspiring life lessons in her fierce, no-nonsense style.

From a very young age, Nene Leakes knew she was destined to be a star! She didn't know exactly how she was going to get there, but she knew deep down that she would one day be a celebrity. When Bravo came knocking at her door, she knew it was the perfect opportunity for the world to see that she was the real deal. She admits that although she is real on the show, its only part of her reality saying "...What you saw of me on "Real Housewives of Atlanta" is real, it's only part of me that's real. It's my story, but it's not my complete story. There are many other facets to me". In her newly published memoir: "Never Make The Same Mistake Twice: Lessons on Love and Life Learned the Hard Way", Nene discusses the events in her life – both the good and the ugly – that led her become to the strong and vibrant person she is. Nene is an active member of Atlanta society who resides in the upscale Sugarloaf area of Atlanta with her husband Gregg, a successful real estate investor and business consultant, and their two sons, 18-year-old Brice and 9-year-old Brentt. Nene donates her time to various foundations and is the founder of The Twisted Hearts Foundation, which brings awareness to domestic violence against women. Never one to sit still, the outspoken social butterfly also hopes to open a luxury boutique hotel in the near future.

Youtube video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAehF_dcd-g&feature=fvw

To arrange an interview with **Nene Leakes** or **Loni Love** or for additional information call Lawrence Helman at 415/ 661-1260.

CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

WHAT:

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The Castro Theatre is wheelchair accessible.

SASHA SOPRANO is a San Francisco native, has been performing drag for 2 years. She can be seen in the 2008 and 2009 Desperate Divas calendars, where she also competed in the Miss Desperate Divas Pageant. Making an appearance AND an entrance is something that is not new to Sasha. She was featured in music videos for Katy Perry ("Hot and Cold") and on MTV2. She is also a club regular at Activate and The Crib in SF. As a producer, her goal is to provide high quality comedy featuring hot comics, reality TV stars and a plethora of local San Francisco drag talent.

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