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**THE BLACK PROMOTERS COLLECTIVE ANNOUNCES THE “STRAIGHT JOKES, NO CHASER COMEDY TOUR” IN PARTNERSHIP WITH URBAN VIBE ENTERTAINMENT**

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS STAR-STUDED LINE-UP HOSTED BY MIKE EPPS WITH APPEARANCES FROM CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER, D.L. HUGHLEY, EARTHQUAKE, AND DC YOUNG FLY**

**THE GENERAL ON-SALE DATE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**



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Oakland, CA (January 19, 2023) – In partnership with Urban Vibe Entertainment, **The Black Promoters Collective is happy to announce their first Comedy tour, "Straight Jokes, No Chaser Comedy Tour."** The event hosted by **Mike Epps** features standup comedy greats **Cedric The Entertainer, Earthquake, D.L. Hughley,** and **DC Young Fly**. Selling out arenas with their R&B tours this past year, the collective is now expanding its promotion into the comedy industry with this 23-city tour. **The tour starts on Saturday, March 4, in Indianapolis, IN, continues on Saturday, May 6, in Oakland, CA and ends on Saturday, May 27, in Las Vegas, NV.**

Before offering to the general public, the "Straight Jokes, No Chaser Comedy Tour" tickets go on presale to American Express® Card Members beginning Wednesday, January 18 at 10 am local time, followed by the local presale on Thursday, January 19 at 10 am local time. Tickets will be

available to the general public this Friday, January 20, at 10 am local time and range from \$59.50 to \$169.50. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Actor and comedian **Mike Epps** has been known to bring down the house with non-stop laughter for his unforgettable nights of comedy. Best known for playing Day-Day Jones in "Next Friday" and its sequel, "Friday After Next," Epps has generated an extraordinary amount of buzz among his peers for being not only one of the funniest comic actors but also for his burgeoning dramatic and acting talent. Epps is currently starring in the Netflix comedy series "The Upshaws" and recently dropped a special on Netflix earlier this year called "Mike Epps: Indiana Mike."

Cedric Antonio Kyles, better known by his stage name **Cedric the Entertainer**, is an American actor, comedian, and game show host. He hosted BET's "ComicView" during the 1993–94 season and "Def Comedy Jam" in 1995. He is best known for co-starring with Steve Harvey on the famed sitcom "The Steve Harvey Show," as one of The Original Kings of Comedy, and for starring as Eddie Walker in "Barbershop." He hosted the 12th season of the daytime version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in 2013–14 and starred in the TV Land original series "The Soul Man," which aired from 2012 until 2016. He has also done voice work for "Ice Age," the "Madagascar" film series, "Charlotte's Web," and the "Planes" franchise. He has recently been a part of multiple TV Series, including "The Neighborhood" from 2018-22 and "Woke" from 2020-22.

Comedian, actor, and voice-artist **Earthquake** earned a solid fan base in standup comedy via programming platforms fueled by BET, HBO, Comedy Central, Showtime, and more. Born Nathaniel Stroman, 'Quake' (as he's known by fans) entered America's households on the classic run of BET's "Comic View" and HBO's "Def Comedy Jam." In addition, Earthquake wowed audiences with one of his most memorable performances for HBO's coveted 30-minute comedy special series, "One Night Stand," and has filmed a string of other comedy specials, including "About Got Damn Time," "Walter Latham Presents," "From the Outhouse to the Whitehouse" and more.

One of the most popular and universally recognized standup comedians on the road today has also made quite an impression in the television, film, and radio arenas. **D.L. Hughley** can currently be heard nationwide as the host of his afternoon radio show, "The DL Hughley Show," nationally syndicated in over 60 cities across the country. A New York Times best-selling author, D.L. Hughley has written various books, including "How to Survive America," "Surrender, White People," "Black Man, White House: An Oral History of the Obama Years" and "How Not to Get Shot." In addition, D.L. Hughley continues to dominate the standup stage, producing specials for Netflix, Showtime, and HBO.

John Whitfield, better known as **DC Young Fly**, is an internet personality, comedian, actor, host, rapper, and singer-songwriter best known for his "roasting sessions" videos on Instagram and Vine. His videos earned him co-signs from celebrities like Kevin Hart, Michael Blackson, LeBron James, Chris Tucker, etc. DC has starred in films such as Almost Christmas (2016), She Ball with Nick Cannon, and I Got the Hook Up 2 with Master P (2019). In addition, he was a recurring cast member on the improv comedy show Wild' N Out on MTV, VH1, and MTV2; and a main host for the revival of TRL on MTV from 2017 to 2018. As a musician, DC has also taken the reins in the music industry, reaching the Top 10 on iTunes R&B with his 12th mixtape, TRAPSOUL, and opened for Chris Brown's "Party Tour" (2017). In 2021, he opened his improv comedy club, "DC Comedy Exchange," in Miami Beach, Florida. Most recently, DC filmed alongside Jacob Latimore (The Chi) and Rotimi (Power) in the 2023 remake of the 1990 film of the same name, House Party, which was released last Friday, January 13.

Fans won't want to miss this comedy-packed event full of some of standup's most notable acts.

**Make sure to find a “Straight Jokes, No Chaser Comedy Tour” date near you:**

Saturday, March 4	Indianapolis, Indiana	Gainbridge Fieldhouse
Friday, March 10	New Orleans, Louisiana	Smoothie King Center
Saturday, March 11	Bossier City, Louisiana	Brookshire Grocery Arena
Friday, March 17	Nashville, Tennessee	Bridgestone Arena
Saturday, March 18	Miami, Florida	FTX Arena
Friday, March 24	Raleigh, North Carolina	PNC Arena
Saturday, March 25	Hampton, Virginia	Hampton Coliseum
Saturday, April 1	Detroit, Michigan	Little Caesars Arena
Saturday, April 8	Kansas City, Missouri	T-Mobile Center
Friday, April 14	Baltimore, Maryland	CFG Bank Arena
Saturday, April 15	Newark, New Jersey	Prudential Center #
Friday, April 21	Charlotte, North Carolina	Spectrum Center
Friday, April 28	Columbia, South Carolina	Colonial Life Arena
Saturday, April 29	Cleveland, Ohio	Wolstein Center
<b>Saturday, May 6</b>	<b>Oakland, California</b>	<b>Oakland Arena</b>
Sunday, May 7	Los Angeles, California	Kia Forum
Friday, May 12	Greensboro, North Carolina	Greensboro Coliseum
Friday, May 19	Philadelphia, Pannsylvania	Liacouras Center
Saturday, May 20	Cincinnati, Ohio	Heritage Bank Center *
Sunday, May 21	Tampa, Florida	Amalie Arena *
Friday, May 26	Brooklyn, New York	Barclays Center ^
Saturday, May 27	Las Vegas, Nevada	Grand Garden Arena

\* denotes DC Young Fly doesn't appear

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^ Barclays Center date coming soon

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The Black Promoters Collective (BPC) is a coalition of six of the nation's top independent concert promotion and event production companies. As a 100% Black-owned business, its mission is to be the world's leading producer and provider of culturally relevant live entertainment experiences. To learn more, visit <http://www.blackpromoterscollective.com>.

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