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Savage Wonder’s Comedy Weekend Brings Battle-Tested Humor to Beacon

Beacon, NY – May 20, 2025 – Comedy Weekend at Savage Wonderground delivers veteran comedians, battle-tested punchlines, and laughs with military-grade precision. From **May 30 to June 1**, the Savage Wonder Art Center welcomes a no-holds-barred comedy experience featuring three veterans who have gone from combat zones to comedy stages.

Showtimes:

- **Friday, May 30 at 8:00 PM**
- **Saturday, May 31 at 9:00 PM**
- **Sunday, June 1 at 7:00 PM**

Tickets: \$25 – available at savagewonder.org

This isn’t your typical stand-up showcase. These performers bring raw insight, gallows humor, and firsthand stories that cut through the noise—and hit hard.

“No art form can capture our intimate, absurd, whimsical and jarring aesthetic more than stand-up comedy from so many up-and-coming comics. It’s less about war stories and more about cutting edge comedy”, said Christopher Paul Meyer, Founder and Artistic Director of Savage Wonder. “The chance to platform so many talented veterans and build out our variety act programming is a real privilege for us.”

THE LINEUP

Headliner: Linette Palladino

A U.S. Army Major and combat veteran, Linette is a nationally touring comic who’s performed for troops overseas and shared the stage with comedy icons. She’s as quick with a punchline as she is with battlefield precision.

Host: Jay Lawrence

A Purple Heart recipient and 21-year Army veteran, Jay's larger-than-life presence is matched by his mission: using comedy to heal and connect. As founder of Combat Zone 360°, Jay is a staple in the veteran comedy scene.

Featured Comic: Jad Sleiman

Former Marine. NPR journalist. Founder of Bushwick Comedy Club. Jad's sharp-tongued, fearless comedy has taken on institutions—and won. He brings an unfiltered, uniquely Arab-American veteran voice to the mic.

A Different Kind of Night Out

Comedy Weekend isn't just about laughs—it's about connecting to the experiences of those who've served, through the most human tool we have: humor. Hosted in the **Savage Wonderground** at **141 Main Street, Beacon**, this show is part of a larger movement redefining the arts through the lens of veteran creativity.

ABOUT SAVAGE WONDER ART CENTER

Savage Wonder invigorates American performing and visual arts by selecting, developing, and producing exceptional work created by military and first responder veterans and their families. Through plays, gallery shows, concerts, and comedy, the Center delivers programming that's whimsical, jarring, absurdist, and deeply authentic.

More info & tickets: sawagewonder.org

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