

Comedian Jay Leno Brings His Standup to the Palace Theatre April 7

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CAPA presents Jay Leno at the Palace Theatre (34 W. Broad St.) on Saturday, April 7, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$38-\$99 at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and <u>www.ticketmaster.com</u>. To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000.

Jay Leno's late-night television ratings domination included more than two decades of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," winning every consecutive quarter of his hosting over 19 years. He has been honored by the Television Academy with an Emmy for "Outstanding Comedy, Variety or Music Series," and "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" has also taken home the trophy for "Favorite Late-Night Show" in the annual *TV Guide Awards.* Leno has also been installed in the Television Academy's Broadcast Hall of Fame.

As if nighttime dominance were not enough, Leno has also succeeded in starring and producing NBC's "Jay Leno's Garage." Viewed on CNBC, it gained an international internet following, an Emmy Award, and two additional nominations for Outstanding Special Class–Short-Format Nonfiction Program. Leno, himself, is the recipient of the People's Choice Award and other honors, including the Harris Poll selection as most popular star on television. Other personal highlights include his induction into the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Broadcasting Hall of Fame, his 2014 reception of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' Mark

Twain Prize for American Humor, the Hasty Pudding Award at Harvard University (an honor whose sole prior comedy/talk host recipient was Johnny Carson), and an honorary doctorate from his alma mater, Emerson College. Like Mr. Carson, Groucho Marx, and an elite group of entertainment figures, he has been invited to have his papers installed in the Library of Congress. Leno also received a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame (asking that it be placed in front of the Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum since is where he was arrested for vagrancy when he first arrived in Hollywood). He has also set several land speed records and became the first person to drive the pace car of all major NASCAR events.

Having passed on the torch of "The Tonight Show," Leno has increased his customary busy schedule of comedy performances in top venues around the US, and occasionally abroad, continues his web venture relating to his passion for automobiles, and is in consideration of the many other applications of his time and talents which have been offered or which he is personally evolving.

CALENDAR LISTING

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About CAPA

Owner/operator of downtown Columbus' magnificent historic theatres (Ohio Theatre, Palace Theatre, Southern Theatre) and manager of the Riffe Center Theatre Complex, Lincoln Theatre, Drexel Theatre, Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts (New Albany, OH), and the Shubert Theater (New Haven, CT), CAPA is a non-profit, award-winning presenter of national and international performing arts and entertainment. For more information, visit <u>www.capa.com</u>.

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