GRAMMY NOMINATED COMEDIAN AND TV SITCOM STAR JIM GAFFIGAN BRINGS CONTAGIOUS TOUR TO JORGENSEN

Sat, Oct 3, at 8 pm

Grammy-nominated comedian and TV sitcom star Jim Gaffigan will bring his hilarious new stand-up tour, Contagious, to UConn's Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, October 3rd, at 8:00 pm. The self-confessed food-lover, famous for his unbridled passion for all things bacon, his disdain for exercise, and his whimsical musings about Hot Pockets, has enjoyed a steady climb in popularity with national audiences over the past few years through his TV specials, concert appearances, and book and album sales to become one of comedy’s hottest, hippest acts. The comic’s family-friendly show will feature new material especially prepared for the tour. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

In addition to earning a recent Grammy nomination, Gaffigan is also a New York Times Best-Selling author, top touring performer, and multi-platinum-selling father of five. Following Beyond the Pale in 2006, King Baby in 2009, and Mr. Universe in 2012, his fourth one-hour comedy special, Obsessed, premiered on Comedy Central in 2014, and the DVD/CD was released soon after by Comedy Central Records. Obsessed premiered at #1 on iTunes, which gave Gaffigan five albums in iTunes’ Top 25 Comedy category. The album also earned a nomination for “Best Comedy Album of the Year” at the 2015 Grammys.

In 2013, Jim’s first book, Dad is Fat, was released by Crown Publishing and debuted at #5 on the New York Times Best-Seller List, remaining on the list for 17 weeks. His second book, Food: A Love Story, was released in the fall of 2014 and debuted at #3 on the New York Times Best-Seller List.

Gaffigan also serves as Executive Producer and star of The Jim Gaffigan Show, which premiered in July of 2015 on TV Land and Comedy Central. The sitcom, described as “one man’s struggle in New York City to find a balance between fatherhood, stand-up comedy, and an insatiable appetite”, depicts Jim, his wife Jeannie, and the five Gaffigan kids all living in a two-bedroom apartment in the Big Apple. Gaffigan says the show’s plot lines are all inspired by events experienced by the couple and their family in real life.

Gaffigan has had guest appearances on many TV comedies and dramas ranging from Portlandia to HBO’s cult hits Flight of the Concorcs and Bored to Death, to dramatic roles in all three versions of Law & Order. He also starred in the movie, The Experimenter, which debuted at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival.

Gaffigan is emphatic about the contributions of his wife, Jeannie Gaffigan, to his success. She has been his writing partner for most of a career that includes Grammy nominations, best-selling books, multiple platinum albums, 2.4 million Twitter followers, and five children.

For additional information about the artist visit: www.jimgaffigan.com.

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Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. Tickets are available now online. Prices are: Floor seats - $65, Mezzanine - $60, Balcony - $55.

For tickets and information, call the Box Office at 860.486.4226, Monday through Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and 90 minutes prior to events, or order online at jorgensen.uconn.edu. Convenient $5 event parking is available in the North Garage. Free parking is available in Lots 9, F, and L. For a detailed parking map, go to park.uconn.edu.

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