Two-time Emmy and Grammy award-winning comedian Kathy Griffin brings “Like A Boss” tour to Jorgensen

Thurs, Oct 29, at 7:30 pm

No celebrity is safe and no topic is sacred when two-time Emmy and Grammy award-winning comedian Kathy Griffin brings her deliciously perverse, pull-no-punches humor to the comedy stage at UConn’s Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday evening, October 29th at 7:30 pm. During Griffin’s hilarious stand-up performance, part of her 80-city “Like A Boss” Tour, the fiery (and frequently raunchy) redhead dishes on a wide range of subjects including race, religion, relationships, pop culture, politics, sexual orientation, and the foibles of Hollywood’s biggest celebrities and celebrity wannabes. Doors to the main hall open at 7:00 pm.

Griffin, who told the New York Times she has “a self-diagnosed stand-up comedy disorder” which requires her to share her thoughts on Caitlyn Jenner, Barbara Streisand, and “those adorable Duggars,” is known for her engaging improvisational style and fearless critiques of the world’s rich and famous. Always eager to articulate on stage what audiences are secretly thinking but dare not say, the feisty entertainer has generated a highly energetic and dedicated fan base. Griffin’s live stand-up performances are legendary and in a class of their own; hundreds of thousands have flocked to see her perform in sold-out venues everywhere from Carnegie Hall to the Sydney Opera House.

After several years of playing small roles in TV and film while honing her stand-up talents in LA comedy clubs, Griffin achieved national recognition when she landed a recurring role on the NBC sitcom Suddenly Susan (1996–2000). Griffin’s biggest breakthrough came with the Bravo reality show Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List, (2005–2010). The hip, inventive program became a ratings hit for the network and earned Griffin six Emmy nominations and two Emmy Awards for Outstanding Reality Program. The show also won the GLAAD Media Award for Best Reality Program and was nominated six consecutive times by the Producers Guild of America.

Since 2008 Griffin has released six comedy albums, all of which have received Grammy Award nominations. The comedian made history in 2014 when her sixth album, Kathy Griffin: Calm Down Gurrl, nabbed the Grammy for Best Comedy Album, placing Griffin alongside Whoopi Goldberg and Lily Tomlin as the only female comedians to ever win Grammy awards in that category.


In 2013 Griffin was inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records for writing and starring in an unprecedented 20 televised stand-up specials - more than any comedian in history. Her first special, an HBO Comedy Half-Hour, aired in 1996.
KATHY GRIFFIN, continued

Griffin’s other achievements include co-hosting The Billboard Music Awards LIVE three years in a row, and hosting the 41st annual Daytime Emmy Awards. She has also lent her unique voice to animated characters in Shrek Forever After and the award-winning television shows The Simpsons, American Dad, and Dilbert.

Each year Griffin draws a huge audience to CNN’s New Year’s Eve special, which she has co-hosted with Anderson Cooper since 2007, beating Fox News in the coveted ratings demographic. Over the years she has earned a well-deserved reputation for being one of television’s “go-to hosts” for premier live events.

For more information about the artist, please visit www.kathygriffin.com.

This year the University of Connecticut’s Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts proudly celebrates its 60th anniversary. Established in December of 1955, Jorgensen has grown to become the largest college-based presenting program in New England. Each season Jorgensen enriches the lives of students, faculty, staff, and area residents with 30 to 35 diverse performances from nationally and internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming, and contemporary entertainment. Dedicated to University of Connecticut president Albert N. Jorgensen, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts continues to follow his vision of the University as the state’s educational and cultural leader.

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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