

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EVENT: A Serious Exploration of St Patrick Using Comedy  
WHO: Baltimore Improv Group  
WHEN: Saturday, March 16; Sunday, March 17,; 8pm  
WHERE: 1727 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD  
COST: FREE

# Free comedy show explores free history behind Saint Patrick

## Baltimore theater uses comedy to explore history in A Serious Exploration of St Patrick Using Comedy

BALTIMORE, MD – Baltimore Improv Group (BIG) presents "A Serious Exploration of St Patrick Using Comedy", a free comedy show in their Station North theater by celebrating the stories of historical figure Saint Patrick.

Producing comedy shows every night of the week, Baltimore Improv Group performs at their dedicated The BIG Theater. Many shows at BIG celebrate and serve the city's local community as in one recent example featuring a storytelling show featuring Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) to a weekend crowd of over 200 attendees.

Created in the moment, performers use Saint Patrick and Irish history as inspiration for scenes, dialogue, and comedy characters.

Terry Withers who co-produces the St. Patrick's Day show which he hopes will attract the Irish community and those interested in learning more about that history. Withers also serves as BIG's Managing Director. Withers started improvising in 2007.

"If you care about learning what it means, truly means, to be Irish then this show is a must."

Baltimore Improv Group hopes to celebrate the city's strong Irish connections: one prominent theory states that Baltimore was named after an Irish town of the same name in west County Cork. The name Baltimore even comes from Irish words, "Baile an Tí Mhóir", which means "town of the big house."

Wither's is past teacher and performer of New York City's The Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre founded by comedy performers Amy Poehler, Matt Besser, Ian Roberts and Matt Walsh. Withers teaches improv as a faculty member of BIG University and tours the nation with a few different improv shows.

"My colleague Patrick Hampton and I use a combination of religious rituals and psychic powers to teach audience members the true nature of being Irish, including our culture's connection to Lucky Charms, Irish Spring Body Soap And Chicken McNuggets."

Hampton, who is of Irish descent, serves as the other co-producer. Hampton began studying improv in 2016.

"As a proud Irishman, it is my civic duty to educate the general public on the importance of celebrating Saint Patrick."

Hampton briefly began his improv journey at ImprovBoston in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Hampton moved to Baltimore and began performing with Baltimore Improv Group.

"Together, with my esteemed colleague Terry Withers, we create an out-of-body experience for our theater guests, bringing them face to face with the literal spirit of Saint Patrick. This is such an important show - I hope you will join us on this journey of discovery through our cultural connection to green items.

*A Serious Exploration of St Patrick Using Comedy* is Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17 at 8 p.m. at The BIG Theater, 1727 N. Charles St. For more information and tickets go to [bigimprov.org/stpatrick](http://bigimprov.org/stpatrick)

### ABOUT BALTIMORE IMPROV GROUP

Baltimore Improv Group (BIG) serves as the city's leading non-profit improv comedy venue. BIG began in 2004 and now entertains with over 120 shows each year. With an annual audience of over 5,000 people, over 100 regular performers present audiences with shows every night of the week. As part of Young Audiences of Maryland (YAMD), BIG performs in assemblies and teaching residencies in Maryland schools.

The BIG Theater opened in October 2017 in Station North. The theater offers 3,000 square feet of space for shows; classes and workshops for adults, kids and teens; a podcast studio. BIG shows include improv comedy, stand-up, sketch, and more.

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