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EVENT: BIG Time
WHO: Baltimore Improv Group
WHEN: Fridays, 8 p.m.
WHERE: 1727 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD
COST: FREE



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The annual roundup of the tops in dining, arts, service, and media in the Baltimore region calls the Baltimore Improv Group show a “Hidden Gem”

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Baltimore magazine publishes its “Best of Baltimore” issue each August. The editorial staff awards individuals and businesses for being worth seeing for Baltimore audiences.

“For the first time ever,” *Baltimore* magazine writes. “We’re offering what we call ‘Hidden Gems’—namely our personal faves, the stuff we didn’t want to spoil with fame.”

Richard Gorelick created the show. Gorelick began studying Improv in Fall 2016. He has worked for such arts organizations as the Walters Art Museum and Baltimore Center Stage and is the former restaurant critic for the *Baltimore Sun*.

“BIG Time is when we invite someone from the outside to join us on stage,” Gorelick said. “Our guests have been journalists, auctioneers, artists, real estate agents, teachers and ice cream makers. We interview our guest live on stage and then a team of improvisers gets to work, creating comedy from things they heard in the interview.

“Sometimes the inspiration is obvious and direct but sometimes what inspires the players comes from way out in left field. Sometime the inspiration comes from the weird way I ask questions.

“You know you’ve made it in this town when the Baltimore Improv Group comes knocking,” *Baltimore* magazine writes. “This free [weekly] improv show celebrates a local mover and shaker by making them the subject of on-the-fly comedy scenes, and everyone from cookbook author John Shields to WTMD’s music coordinator, Sam Sessa, has taken a turn in the spotlight.”

“Their guests are sometimes super famous,” Gorelick said. “But I like how our guests are known around town for being a great ice cream shop owner, a lovely teacher or being an effective arts administrator.”

BIG Time is every Friday at 8p.m. at The BIG Theater, 1727 N. Charles St. For updated information go to bigimprov.org/shows

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; and a lobby connecting actors, comedy performers, and audiences. BIG shows include improv comedy, stand-up, sketch, and more.

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