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Comedian comes through the Improv this weekend

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CLEVELAND -- There are not many comics who can maintain a truthfulness within themselves, while simultaneously slaying the audience with an absolute premium brand of comedy. Ladies and gentlemen of Cleveland, this Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 only you have the rare and wonderful treat to engage such a top notch comedian in the form of Tracey Morgan who will be tearing up the stage at the Improv Comedy Club located in the Sugar Factory on the West Bank of the Flats next to Shooters on the River (216.696.IMPROV).

A long time veteran of first television and then movies, Morgan has a very distinguished comedic career outside of his stage performances which include such impressive television entries as being a regular on the long running Saturday Night Live, NBC's "30 Rock," "The Tracey Morgan Show," "Martin" and hosting Comedy Central's "Comic Groove." Aside from just TV, Morgan has appeared in a healthy amount of films including "Death at a Funeral (2010)," "The Longest Yard," "Half Baked," "How High," and "Head of State" just to name a few.

As if cosmically ordained for the stage, the comedian first doubled his family and friends over with laughter as easily as asthmatic's find reason to reach for their inhalers at a track meet, then the obsidian jokester took his skills to the professional frontier when he conquered the comedic circuit followed by the movie camera and the cinematic arena. Comfortably nestled at the current plateau of his career, Morgan has rededicated himself to his love and craft of comedy; not to say that he had something of a professional epiphany.

Yet, with all the success in all the various areas he still is true to his first love and midnight mistress that is the comedic stage, even though he says that from the inception of his stand up career he always had the idea and desire to find a way to wiggle onto the small and silver screen. Touring around the country Morgan plays both clubs and colleges and willfully admits a love of both.

In Tracy Morgan you will get the total package of a sharp mind highlighting relevant issues to your life. His hilarious jokes are brought to life in such a seemingly effortless way that it's easy to not see all the layers. Cleveland, do yourself a favor, grab a pair of tickets, head down to the Improv and check out a drop-dead funny master of the stage who has genuine love for the city and the audience, you!