

PREVIEWS & POSTSCRIPTS

Hamptons Comedy Festival

Get ready to laugh. The first annual Hamptons Comedy Festival—a four-day extravaganza featuring stand-up comedy showcases, a comedy film program, workshops, and parties—kicks off from August 17 through August 20 at six venues in the Hamptons.

The Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center, the Tavern in Southampton, the Wild Rose Café in Bridgehampton, the John Drew Theater at Guild Hall in East Hampton, Stephen Talkhouse in Amagansett, and Mary Janes in East Hampton will host some of the country's funniest comics this weekend.

Comedians include Judy Gold, a writer and producer from the "Rosie O'Donnell Show"; Eddie Brill, known as "the Dean of Stand-Up Comedy"; Cory Kahaney from HBO and NBC's "Later"—and many others.

All-access VIP Passes are \$400 and allow access to all events. Individual tickets range from \$10 to \$40. A portion of the proceeds from the festival will go to the Prostate Cancer Research Fund and the Breast and Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

For a full schedule of events, call (212) 396-2015, or visit the web site, www.hamptonscomedyfestival.com