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COMEDY SUITCASE ANNOUNCES CLASSIC COMEDY SEASON

Minneapolis, MN – **Comedy Suitcase** is pleased to announce a season of our classic comedy shows. Of the many shows we've created over the past five years there are three that serve as love letters to our favorite classic comedy styles and classic comedy performers. Over the course of 2015 Comedy Suitcase will be presenting all three of these critically acclaimed shows at the Bryant-Lake Bowl theater. February also sees the debut of a companion podcast that examines the work of our favorite 20th century comedians.

THE GENTLEMEN'S PRATFALL CLUB

February 20th - March 8th at the Bryant Lake Bowl Theater in Minneapolis

For ticket information visit bryantlakebowl.com

Our ode to physical comedy- A struggling actor battles a cruel French clown for the most coveted role in children's television: Captain Clumsy. The mysterious Gentlemen's Pratfall Club holds the key to victory. Membership is free... but what are the hidden costs? One man will discover standing up for what you believe in is easy; falling down for it is hard.

Previous Praise for THE GENTLEMEN'S PRATFALL CLUB:

"Boatloads of laughs... a show that appeals to the children in all of us." - vita.mn

"Scrimshaw is fearless in his antics; he is both the Acme steamroller and Wile E. Coyote." –Twin Cities Daily Planet

THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS GRIMM

April 17th - May 3rd at the Bryant Lake Bowl Theater in Minneapolis

Written and performed by Joshua Scrimshaw, Levi Weinhagen, Shanan Custer and Eric Webster. For ticket information visit bryantlakebowl.com

Comedy, death and fairy tales. But mostly death. Ten year-old Milton is a full-fledged comedy geek. His grandfather raised him on the greats; Buster Keaton, Laurel and Hardy, Lucille Ball, Bob Newhart, The Smothers Brothers. Now Grandpa is dead. Tomorrow is his funeral. As Milton gets ready for bed, his family tries to comfort him with platitudes and cheery bedtime stories. Determined to honor his Grandpa's memory, Milton takes

these stories in a decidedly different direction... Join Comedy Suitcase as they rewrite Grimm's original folktales in the signature style of 20th Century comedy masters. Finally, a dark comedy for the whole family!

Previous Praise for THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS GRIMM:

"Subtly built and markedly free of schmaltz, the production deftly balances irreverently layered humor with a genuine affection for comedy as a coping mechanism. Such skillfully evoked emotional resonance elevates The Smothers Brothers Grimm into a triumph of heartfelt humor." - examiner.com

THE KAFKA NUTS

*Coming Fall 2015 to the Bryant Lake Bowl Theater in Minneapolis
Written and directed by Joshua English Scrimshaw and Levi Weinhagen
For ticket information visit bryantlakebowl.com*

Somebody has been telling lies about Zeppo K. and it's up to those crazy cut ups Flywheel and Woozer to prove his innocence! The anarchistic misfits of 1930s film comedy turn the bureaucratic nightmare of The Trial into a screwball comedy of Kafkaesque proportions! Inspired by the Marx Brothers, Wheeler and Woolsey and Classic Warner Brothers Cartoons!

Previous Praise for THE KAFKA NUTS:

"Combining slapstick, puns, physical comedy, musical comedy, and more all centered around a genuinely spectacular cast, this is one of the shows you can't miss! (And as a bonus, if you know the source material, you will be rewarded with an accurate parody courtesy of English Scrimshaw and Weinhagen's zingy script.)" - letoilemagazine.com

"A Best Bet" - City Pages

REASON GONE MAD the podcast
Coming February 2015

A companion podcast to our 2015 season! According to Groucho Marx, "Humor is reason gone mad." Comedy Suitcase puts that quote to the test as Joshua and Levi along with special guests examine the work and influence of classic 20th century comedians. Our first episode features Ivey Award winning comedy writer Shanan Custer focusing on comedy legend Lucille Ball and her groundbreaking work in *I Love Lucy!*

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