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Barefoot Comedy Show returns to the Whitaker Black Box

Collin Moulton's *Barefoot Comedy* tour pulls back into Statesboro later this month for more side-splitting laughs.

Earlier this year, the Tybee Island funny man brought stand-up comedy to the Averitt Center for the Arts after a nine-year hiatus. The three shows, one in January, one in April and one in June, were so well received that *Barefoot Comedy* has been booked for six shows during the 2019-20 season. Queensborough National Bank and Trust is the exclusive sponsor of the performances.

He and fellow comedian Mike Lester will bring the laughs in the 73-seat Whitaker Black Box Theater (41 West Main Street) on August 28. General admission tickets for the 8 p.m. show are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and can be purchased at the Averitt Center Box Office (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.), by calling 912-212-2787, online at averittcenterforthearts.org or at the Center for Performing Arts at 41 West Main (Monday-Friday, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.).

Collin, who helps raise funds for worthy causes in Savannah and Tybee Island with his shows, has had his own half hour stand-up special on Showtime, a featured spot on Nickelodeon and Last Call with Carson Daly. He gets regular airplay on XM/Sirius Satellite radio, is a regular on the syndicated "Bob and Tom" radio show and has shared the stage with Lewis Black, the late Robin Williams, Dave Chappelle and Margaret Cho.

He has gained an ease and enjoyment on stage that makes every show worth watching. His familiarity and energy engages and relieves the audience before he even speaks. His electric storytelling style makes you care about every topic he explores. Moulton's comedy is the release needed from our everyday lives.

Michael is originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota and was voted one of the area's "Artists of the Year" by the region's alternative weekly newspaper *City Pages* in 2016. Below is an excerpt from the online article about him.

Mike Lester is both one of the funniest and most terrifying comedians in the Twin Cities. His baby face may make him appear harmless (despite the fact that he's been a comedy club regular since 2009, Lester is only 24 years old), but his twisted sense of humor and serial killer-like delivery have allowed him to sneak up on unassuming audiences like a comedic Michael Myers.

What makes Lester such an incredible artist is the fact that you can tell he's legitimately having fun onstage — a talent that can't be taught and many comedians sadly lack. As of late, Lester has begun to branch out and infiltrate the West Coast, so chances are he's either going to become comedy's next big thing, or the murder rate in Los Angeles is about to skyrocket. Probably both. Either way, he'll continue to be a refreshingly unique voice in an increasingly competitive local comedy landscape.

Lester also ran a popular online sketch series with his group Lestaril, which led to a lead role in "Beware of Brobots," a national ad campaign for Sonobi. He was also in Hulu's "Coming to the Stage" Season Six. In 2017, he appeared in two online ads for CHEEZ-ITS, produced by *Funny or Die*, and starred in a national commercial for the product Screenfair.