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Sketch Comedy Troupe Takes Audience Backstage For Philly Fringe Festival

Philadelphia, PA – The Waitstaff, Philadelphia's premiere sketch comedy troupe, announces a show unlike anything they have ever attempted before. The excitingly titled **The Waitstaff: Sketch Comedy**, the troupe's entry in the 2005 Philly Fringe festival, will give the audience a chance to see what really happens backstage during one of their fast paced, anything goes, comedy shows at The Five Spot, 5 S. Bank Street, on Friday September 2nd, Thursday September 8th, Friday September 9th, & Friday September 16th at 9:30PM

The first half will be like a regular Waitstaff show, incorporating comedic songs, raunchy scenes, slapstick dance, and more. The second half takes place behind the curtain, so the audience can see what really happens. Come together, or don't, as the comedy troupe decides.

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"We were inspired by the play **Noises Off**," says Waitstaff core member **John DiFelice**. "So many things can go wrong on stage and actors can cover so that the audience never knows. We want to let our fans see just how chaotic backstage can be when we try to fix the unexpected crisis."

The Waitstaff has been performing together for three years, writing brand new material for their monthly comedy shows in Philadelphia. They have also performed at The Chicago Comedy Festival, New York and The Common Basis Theater. Many critics have called The Waitstaff "Philadelphia's hottest sketch comedy troupe" ([The Philadelphia Inquirer](#)), "One of the funniest groups of people to hit the Philly Stages" ([The Philadelphia Daily News](#)), and "It's the sort of comedy that kids love, parents

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disapprove of, and adults find irresistibly hilarious even while shaking their heads” (The Main Line Times)

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LISTINGS INFORMATION:

What: The Waitstaff: Sketch Comedy

When: Friday September 2nd, Thursday September 8th, Friday September 9th, & Friday September 16th at 9:30PM, doors open at 9:00PM.

Where: The Five Spot, 5 S. Bank Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Tickets: \$15, purchase at the door or through the FringeArts Box Office

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FESTIVAL INFORMATION:

FringeArts (formerly Philadelphia Live Arts Festival & Philly Fringe) exists to commission, develop and present a range of high-quality contemporary performing and visual arts. Every September the Fringe Festival features boundary-breaking work created by some of the most renowned contemporary artists from our region and around the world, and serves as a collective home for artists to bring their artistic visions to audiences without any curatorial barriers. Our community is enriched as art takes over our neighborhoods, animating the spaces of our city from traditional theaters to corner bars and vacant storefronts.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

...about The Waitstaff, visit www.thewaitstaff.com

...about The Five Spot, visit www.thefivespot.com

...about The Philly Fringe Festival, visit FringeArts.com

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