



**THE "FRIARS CLOSE-UP"- JULY 2010
A MONTHLY ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR**



The Month You Just Didn't Know You Could Sweat That Much...

FRIARS AROUND TOWN:

Well, it's been quite a start to summer. For starters, the new iPhone came out, and rumor has it it's GREAT except for a little minor problem with reception. Then there was that family fight that broke out in a Pasco motel- ended up with one family member getting clunked over the head with a ceramic toilet seat. (At least it wasn't the minibar fridge- cuz THAT bill would be a nightmare). Then, of course, there was that highly acrobatic and slightly 'mean-spirited' raccoon in Memphis who managed to knock out an entire power grid for nearly five hours with his acrobatics. And the snorkeler in Florida who narrowly escaped getting devoured by an 11 foot, 500 pound alligator. Yes, it's been a month of real lows. But on a good note, we have some great Friars doing some real fun things around the country this month! And none of them involve toilet seat lids. Let's see what we have...

FRIARS ON BROADWAY:

In the mood for a great Broadway show? Well, here are a few Friars stars you can catch on the Great White Way this month: We've got KELSEY GRAMMER in *Las Cage Aux Folles*; NATHAN LANE & BEBE NEUWIRTH in *The Addams Family*; MICHAEL MCKEAN in *Our Town*.

July 28th - Farmingdale Library, 116 Merritts Rd., Farmingdale, NY 11735 - (516) 249-9090

BRIAN SHIELDS

Two idiots in Australia decided to test their tolerance for pain by shooting each other with air rifles. Well, that's one way to pass the time. But if you're a fan of the World Wrestling Entertainment industry and video games and all that really cool stuff, it's time to get to know WWE expert and best-selling author, Friar Brian Shields. Co-author of *WWE Encyclopedia: The Definitive Guide To World Wrestling Entertainment* (a collection of over 900 entries profiling the history of World Wrestling Entertainment, which debuted on the prestigious NY Times best-selling list) his other books include *Main Event: WWE In The Raging 80's*; *WWE Encyclopedia: The Definitive Guide To World Wrestling Entertainment*; *DK Reader Level 2: WWE John Cena* ; *DK Reader Level 3: WWE Triple H*; and the children's books *DK Reader Level 2: WWE John Cena* and *DK Reader Level 3: WWE Triple H*. But that's not all, folks. He is also a marketing professional and founder of marketing firm, Mighty Pen & Sword, LLC, and has penned material for several comics, as well as video game scripts for 2K Games' *MAFIA II* and *Sniper: Ghost Warrior*. Not to mention he's working with Mattel on the *WWE Legends* line of toys and accessories. A sought-after lecturer Friar Shields has appeared at The National Press Club, and collaborated and launched the WWE Legends program for their Consumer Products division. As a brand manager he works on the Acclaim Sports portfolio and created the *Legends of Wrestling* videogame, a franchise that has delighted old-school and new-school mat fans everywhere. Derek Jeter, Hulk Hogan, George Foreman and the Estates of Babe Ruth and Andy Kaufman are just some esteemed names from his client list. Well, this month you have the chance to meet Friar Brian Shield on his book tour where he takes old school and new school fans alike on a journey through the history of World Wrestling Entertainment! Yeah, that's right, it's time to lace up your boots and enter the squared circle, folks. (and no, you don't need a name like Bob "Bone Crusher" Bornstein to do this) Check out www.mightypenandsword.com for all the scoop, and then head on out to Long Island (or stay put if you are already there because, let's be honest, leaving to run an errand only to come back for the event would be silly). Yes, it's high time Friars start using terms like 'cage match' and 'tag team' and 'body slam' in every day conversation here at the Monastery, and Friar Shields is the one to help us do it! (sure beats listening to those Australian dingbats cry out, "OUCH! THAT REALLY HURTS WHEN I SHOOT MYSELF WITH AN AIR RIFLE!")

July 24th - 55th Pacific NW Writers Conference, Seattle Airport Hilton Conference Center, Seattle, WA.

COLLEEN PATRICK:

Remember that 'screenplay' you wrote a few years back? The one about the Amish family that gets sucked up into a spaceship from Mars while on the way into Blue Balls, Pennsylvania to buy a cow to make butter for dinner? The 'screenplay' that got turned down by every movie studio in the country- even movie studios that don't exist yet? Well, if you're in the Seattle area this month, take this opportunity to learn a few things about the screenwriting business from a woman who knows her stuff. Friar/ writer/ director/ producer Colleen Patrick has been selected to present "A Practical Guide to Screenwriting" workshop at the 55th Pacific NW Writers Conference at the Seattle Airport Hilton Conference Center. As the former stand-up comic and journalist says, *"My workshops are an opportunity to teach and perform. I advise the humor impaired to prepare themselves for an enjoyable and intense, down to earth learning experience."* And how cool is this? Friar Colleen's comedy feature, *The Whole Truth*, (starring Elisabeth Rohm, Sean Patrick Flanery & Eric Roberts) was part of our 2009 Friars Club Comedy Film Festival last fall! Distribution plans are presently being finalized. Her screenplay, *The Director*, was a finalist in the 2005 Sundance Filmmaker's Lab competition; a finalist in last year's Washington State Screenwriting Competition; and quarter-finalist in 2003's CineStory competition. On July 23 Friar Patrick will be autographing her problem-solving book, *The 100% Solution*, at the mini-Barnes & Noble display at the Conference Center. Her other book, *Mind Over Media*, is a great read as well. Check out www.colleenpatrick.com for all the scoop. Her website includes all sorts insightful interviews with industry stars, blogs, industry updates, and pretty much everything you can hope to know about this wonderful new addition to the Friars Club. So, before you start penning that sequel to the Amish buggy/spaceship/cow/butter 'screenplay' you're still convinced will sell, get to know Friar Colleen Patrick. She's the coolest thing to come out of Seattle since the coffee bean!

July 23/24/30/ 31: 8pm- Baystreet Theatre, Sag Harbor, NY- Call 631-725-9500

BRAD ZIMMERMAN:

What do you do when the longest tennis match in history is finally over? You go see a great one-man show out at the famed Baystreet Theatre in Sag Harbor, that's what? Friar Brad Zimmerman presents, *My Son The Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy*. The show is an intricate and bittersweet tale of one man's lengthy (and we do mean lengthy) struggle to make it as an actor in New York. Part theatre, part stand-up, Friar Zimmerman's homey send-ups on his childhood, family, career and misbegotten love life are as warm and poignant as they are hilarious. The show is part of Baystreet Theatre's season of shows performed at their second theatre which is the Parrish Art Museum at 25 Job Lane in Southampton, NY. A most hilarious comedian Friar Zimmerman was a regular opening act for the legendary George Carlin during the last two years of his career. And Friar Joan Rivers has said of her experience working with Friar Zimmerman, *"I've had 3 great opening acts in my lifetime: Billy Crystal, Garry Shandling, and Brad Zimmerman"*. Wow! Talk about an endorsement. Meanwhile, Friar Zimmerman will also be headlining at the new Tropicana Comedy Club in Las Vegas from August 9th thru the 16th, and on July 16th he will be opening for Julio Inglesias at Morristown's Mayo Center for the Arts, where his one man show will open next February 24th. And you may just see Friar Zimmerman on reruns of *The Sopranos*- he played Johnny Sack's lawyer. Pretty cool, huh? So, head on out to the Hamptons this summer (just allow 356 hours for traffic) and enjoy Friar Zimmerman in *My Son The Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy*. Maybe even play a game of tennis out there while you're at it. Just try to keep the match under ten hours, will ya? People get sick of that whole turn-my-head-to-the-left-now-turn-my-head-to-the-right thing after about twenty minutes.

*July 16 - 8pm-11pm - Antonia's by the Park Restaurant, 9011 Palisade Ave., North Bergen, NJ (201) 868-0750
(Reservations strongly suggested for dinner)*

STEVEN MAGLIO

After seven sold-out appearances, Friar Steven Maglio will return once more to Antonia's by the Park, one of New Jersey's premier restaurants, just over the George Washington Bridge in North Bergen. Everyone has a good time at Antonia's. They boast a beautiful dining room, a cozy bar, fabulous food, valet parking, and terrific service. There's no additional music charge, and tableside dancing is not only allowed, it's encouraged. Using pre-recorded musical accompaniment, the most talented Friar Maglio will sing some Dean, some Darin, and of course, a whole lot of Sinatra! Friar Maglio is also performing this same type of show at Nardi's Tavern on Long Beach Island

in New Jersey from 5pm-9pm every Tuesday and Thursday thru the summertime, and he'll be returning to Antonees On Broadway (115 North Broadway, White Plains- 914-328-5672) on July 30 from 7:30 pm to Midnight, where you can enjoy an all-inclusive evening of dinner, bar, dancing, and one heck of a great show. (These are all non-smoking venues, by the way.) But if you prefer smoking and a live band, then you can still catch Friar Maglio every Saturday evening at The Carnegie Club on W.56th St. with Friar Stan Rubin's orchestra. And here's a great way to get a lot you have dinner at Patsy's Restaurant and then go to The Carnegie Club show, you'll receive a free copy of Friar Steven Maglio's CD, *Songs For Sinatra Lovers*. Check out www.stevenmaglio.com for more info. He's one heck of a great guy, with a terrific voice!

July 17 - 8 PM- "Big Pussy's Rock n Roll Party Fun House" Primetime Comedy Club and Theater- 960 Route 9 South, Sayreville, NJ 732-721-6555/ www. Primetimecomedy online.com

VINCENT PASTORE:

Just when you think nothing can make you smile more than the story about a man by the name of Donald Duck getting busted for DUI in Ohio recently, here's a reason to cheer. Friar Vincent Pastore is celebrating his birthday this July with a great show, "Vinny's Birthday and Bangs Reunion" hosted by Friar Pastore with special surprise guests. The event includes food, drinks, games and prizes- not to mention a host of Friar Pastore's friends from his days on *The Sopranos*. Come enjoy rock music, carnival acts, stilt walkers and a host of other goodies. Doors open at 7:15 PM. The event is part of a series presented by Catch a Rising Star @ Primetime Comedy Club and Theater (Catch partners, Friars Suzy Yengo and Craig Neier, head up the efforts). Friar Pastore has appeared in several movies including *Revolver, Gotti, This Thing of Ours, Mickey Blue Eyes, Mafia, The Jerky Boys, Made, Two Family House and Hurricane*. TV credits include *Ed, Celebrity Fit Club, The Practice, Witness to the Mob, Law & Order, One Life to Live, General Hospital, Americas Most Wanted, and Vegas* and Friar Donald Trump's *Celebrity Apprentice*. Also, Friars Yengo and Neier want to let everyone know that Catch a Rising Star's "Sayreville's Got Talent" Children's Talent Contest, Round 1 will be on July 7th; Round 2- July 22; and finals on August 4th. In addition National Catch Auditions are being held in New York City at Broadway Comedy Club (318 West 53rd St.) July 8th and August 5th at 7:00pm. So, if you think you've got what it takes, go to www.catcharisingstar.com to sign up. (who knows, maybe Donald Duck and Minnie Mouse will be trying out?)

July 14th : 7 PM- Jamie de Roy & friends at Metropolitan Room at 7 PM- 34 West 22nd St. NY, (212) 206-0440
JAMIE DEROY

Where can you have the pleasure of enjoying the talents of Friar Jamie deRoy, Friar comedian Reese Waters, Pamela Myers (*Company, Into The Woods*), Johnny Rodgers (*Liza's at the Palace..!*), Alexandra Silber (West End: *Woman in White, Fiddler on the Roof, Carousel*) Martin Vidnovic (*The King and I, Oklahoma!, Guys and Dolls*), and folk rock, blues singer/song writer Natalia Zuckerman all in the same place? On the same night? Well, for one special night this month, you can find them all performing in *Jamie de Roy & friends* at the Metropolitan Room. The evening features award-winning director Barry Kleinbort directing and Christopher Denny as musical director. *Jamie de Roy & friends* is the colorful cabaret series that has been thrilling NYC audiences for the past 19 years and serves as the basis for de Roy's award-winning cable television show. It spotlights a wide variety of well-known entertainers and newcomers lighting up the cabaret, theater, and comedy worlds. No surprise there as Friar deRoy has won eight MAC Awards, four Back Stage Bistro Awards, ten Telly Awards and CaB Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award for her extensive work on both stage and screen, as well as headlined at many of New York's major clubs. She's also produced eight CDs in the *Jamie deRoy & friends* series on the Harbinger and PS Classics labels. So, come on out on the 14th to enjoy a wonderful show courtesy of a wonderful Friar.

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