David Letterman, Jerry Seinfeld, Jon Stewart, Tracy Morgan, Martin Scorsese And Robert De Niro To Headline Spike TV's "One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute to Don Rickles"

Event to Celebrate Comedy Legend Don Rickles' Groundbreaking Career Tapes on Tuesday, May 6 at New York's Legendary Apollo Theater and Premieres Wednesday, May 28 on Spike TV Additional Talent to be Announced

NEW YORK, April 17, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- The biggest superstars in comedy will come together on Spike TV to celebrate the legendary career of one of their most beloved icons - Don Rickles. "<u>One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute to Don Rickles</u>" will feature luminaries from the world of comedy, television and the silver screen including David Letterman, Jerry Seinfeld, Jon Stewart, Robert De Niro, Martin Scorsese, Tracy Morgan, Jimmy Kimmel, John Stamos, Bob Newhart, Regis Philbin, Ray Romano, Brad Garrett and many more.



"One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute to Don Rickles" (#OneNightOnly) tapes at the storied Apollo Theater in New York City, Rickles' hometown, on Tuesday, May 6. The 90-minute special, produced in conjunction with Don Mischer Productions, airs on Spike TV on Wednesday, May 28 at 9:00pm ET/PT.

"We're thrilled that David Letterman, Jerry Seinfeld, Jon Stewart, Robert De Niro and so many more will be coming out to entertain and celebrate our hero - Don Rickles," said Casey Patterson, Executive Producer and Executive Vice President, Event Production & Talent Development, Viacom Entertainment Group. "The genius of Rickles is in the danger, nobody is safe, and what you can expect is a night of comedy from these superstars worthy of a legend. It truly will be One Night Only."

"One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute to Don Rickles" will include stand-up performances; short films; pre-taped tributes and personal stories as told by Rickles' closest friends, co-stars and comedians he has influenced. The evening will culminate with Rickles getting the chance to address his friends and colleagues in attendance in his own words and his own inimitable style.

Spike TV's "One Night Only" is an annual original franchise that celebrates the true legends of comedy - those who have shaped generations with their groundbreaking styles. It is a truly memorable event - a night of nonstop comedy, untold stories and heartfelt admiration. The inaugural show, Eddie Murphy: One Night Only, paid homage to another comic great, Eddie Murphy, and was the highest rated event program in the network's history.

Spike TV has been an industry leader in original event programming honoring male icons and heroes from the worlds of comedy, sports and entertainment. Recent honorees at various signature events include Eddie Murphy, Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, Robert De Niro, Clint Eastwood, Chris Rock, Will Ferrell, Robert Downey Jr, LeBron James, Adam Sandler, Kobe Bryant and more.

Don Mischer, Casey Patterson, Charlie Haykel, serve as Executive Producers for "One Night Only: An All-Star Comedy Tribute to Don Rickles" with Juliane Hare as Producer. Tim Bruno will serve as EIC for the network. Vernon Lynch will serve as a consultant.

Sponsors include Burger King, the 2014 Dodge Dart, and DISH.

For more information and photo highlights from the groundbreaking career of Don Rickles, fans can go to the event site at <u>onenightonly.spike.com</u>

Don Mischer is an internationally acclaimed producer and director of television and live events. He has been honored with 15 Emmy[®] Awards, a record 10 Directors Guild of America Awards for Outstanding Directorial Achievement, 2 NAACP Image Awards, a Peabody Award for excellence in broadcasting and Europe's prestigious Golden Rose of Montreux. Mischer was also honored by the Producers Guild of America when he received the Norman Lear Achievement Award in Television.

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