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JOKERS
Homecoming
AT STATEN ISLAND MUSEUM

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Impractical Jokers: Homecoming

Major exhibition about the hit television series opens July 12 at the Staten Island Museum; Impractical Jokers scheduled to appear

Location: Staten Island Museum, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building A, Staten Island NY 10301

Exhibition Dates: Opening July 12, 6:00-9:00pm. On view July 13, 2018 – March 17, 2019

(Staten Island, NY – June 21, 2018) ***Impractical Jokers: Homecoming***, the first-ever museum exhibition about the hit television series on truTV, is set to open at the Staten Island Museum on **Thursday, July 12, 2018**. The opening event will be highlighted by an appearance of the four guys, collectively known as the comedy troupe The Tenderloins, to open the doors to the all-ages exhibition at 6:00pm. The exhibition will be on view through March 17, 2019.

Impractical Jokers: Homecoming explores the story of four longtime friends from Staten Island whose hidden-camera, comedic television show, *Impractical Jokers*, has become a pop culture phenomenon. Steeped in embarrassment and awkward situations that make us both laugh and cringe, the humor is built upon a foundation of trust and camaraderie amongst the four guys, James “Murr” Murray, Sal Vulcano, Brain “Q” Quinn, and Joe Gatto.

See original costumes, props and art created over the past seven seasons. View new interviews, episode highlights and learn about behind-the-scenes production, including some secrets. Take a journey with the guys from high school hijinks to mainstream comedic success that all started on the shores of Staten Island. Interactive surprises and some “Easter eggs” are found throughout the museum to make the *Impractical Jokers’* exhibition experience as unexpected as the Impractical Jokers themselves. The

exhibition is curated by Joe Imburgio, one of the comedy producers of the television series, who brings humor to the interpretation.

“The Staten Island Museum is excited to bring the Impractical Jokers back home to the shores where it all began and invite the public to get an inside look at the creativity of the television show. This original exhibition showcases the Jokers’ roots, their commitment to friendship and comedy and the behind-the-scenes production that makes Impractical Jokers such a success. It’s a rare opportunity to see costumes and props first-hand and discover some secrets. The exhibition offers a chance for all to learn more about this Staten Island success story and have a fun, light-hearted experience at the museum,” shared Janice Monger, Staten Island Museum President & CEO.

Brian “Q” Quinn, who was involved in developing the exhibition, comments: *“It’s been a surreal honor to help put together this exhibit at our excellent hometown museum. The museum team of Janice Monger, Diane Matyas, Donna Pagano, along with truTV’s Daniel Green, and Curator Joe (not his birth name) have been fantastic partners. Fans of the show are responsible for every ounce of our success, and I know they are going to enjoy coming down to see the exhibit as it was made with them in mind. I’m a life-long and ongoing resident of Staten Island, so it’s hard to express how it feels to receive such love from a museum dedicated to the Island that I proudly hold so close to my heart. Thank you for lowering the bar and having us.”*

The exhibition and opening event will be held at Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building A, Staten Island NY 10301. On July 12, entry to an outdoor festival area begins at 4:00pm. A brief speaking program with the four guys will start at 6:00pm, with general admission ticketholders allowed entry from 6:00pm-9:00pm. The outdoor area will have music and some familiar characters from the television show, as well as the debut appearance of the Scoopski potato truck. Exhibition merchandise and food for purchase will also be available.

While tickets for the exhibition’s opening on July 12 have sold out, a new benefit event on that evening has been added: ***An Evening w/ Murr, Sal, Joe & Q – in conversation with Casey Jost and Joe Imburgio*** as a fundraiser for the Staten Island Museum. Tickets to this exclusive one-night event with the four guys are now available for purchase at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org for \$150 general admission or \$250 Jokers Club premiere seated ticket. (Please note, the fundraising event is separate from admission to the *Impractical Jokers: Homecoming* public exhibition opening. With ticket purchase to the museum benefit, a free admission pass will be provided to visit the Museum exhibition at a later date.)

Beginning July 13, 2018 and running through March 17, 2019 ***Impractical Jokers: Homecoming*** will be on view during regular museum hours (Wed – Sun, 11:00am – 5:00pm). Thursdays in July and August the Staten Island Museum will be open until 9:00pm. Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$2 for children 2-12, free for members and children under 2.

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About *Impractical Jokers* (the television series)

Four comedians and lifelong friends compete to embarrass each other out amongst the general public with a series of hilarious and outrageous dares. When Sal, Joe, Q, and Murr challenge each other to say or do something, they have to do it. And if they refuse, they lose. At the end of every episode, the biggest loser must endure a punishment of epic proportions. The guys have posed as hot dog vendors, gymnasts, waiters, clerks at a bridal shop and more. As for the punishments, from skydiving to the rodeo to the body piercing shop, they continue to be bigger, badder, and funnier than ever before. The series' seventh season premiered earlier this year and returns with new episodes on Thursday, August 2 at 10:00pm ET/PT on truTV.

About The Tenderloins

The Tenderloins, a New York-based comedy troupe, whose four members – Joe Gatto, James Murray, Brian Quinn and Sal Vulcano – are the creators, executive producers, and stars of truTV's hit series, *Impractical Jokers*. *Impractical Jokers* follows The Tenderloins as they coerce one another into doing public pranks while being filmed by hidden cameras. With each new season, the show continues to take dares to outrageous levels with new over-the-top hijinks.

The Troupe toured steadily nationwide over with their highly successful "*truTV Impractical Jokers 'Where's Larry?' Tour Starring the Tenderloins*," playing to thousands of fans per market including a 3-night sold out run at New York's historic Radio City Music Hall. Their latest tour, "*Santiago Sent Us*," continues to sell out theaters across the world, and has broadened their reach in the US and the United Kingdom. Natives of Staten Island, NY, Sal Vulcano, Joe Gatto, James Murray and Brian Quinn met while attending high school and later formed The Tenderloins Comedy Troupe in 1999. After years of performing live improv and sketch comedy shows, The Tenderloins crossed over to the web, garnering millions of views for their internet sketches, eventually creating the runaway success *Impractical Jokers* for truTV. *Impractical Jokers* is top 5 in its timeslot on cable in the US and is the #1 show in the United Kingdom, airing on Comedy Central.

About Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 137th year, the Staten Island Museum engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum is open Wednesday – Sunday: 11:00am – 5:00pm, Thursday nights in July and August until 9:00pm. Universally accessible. For current exhibits, visit StatenIslandMuseum.org.

About truTV

truTV is the home for original, creator-driven comedy series with a distinct point of view. With millions of engaged fans across linear, digital and social channels, the cable network features a growing roster of critically-acclaimed premium scripted, non-scripted and hybrid series, such as *Adam Ruins Everything*, *At Home with Amy Sedaris*, *Bobcat Goldthwait's Misfits & Monsters*, *Hack My Life*, *I'm Sorry*, *Impractical Jokers*, *Jon Glaser Loves Gear*, *Talk Show the Game Show*, *The Carbonaro Effect*, *The Chris Gethard Show*, *Those Who Can't* and more. As a division of Turner, truTV is also a partner in airing the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship each year.

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