

WITNESS MARTIN AMINI'S SIDE-SPLITTING COMEDY THAT BREAKS STEREOTYPES



Martin Amini. Credit: martinamini.com.

BY MABEL PAIS

MARTIN AMINI, comedian, performs his side-splitting comedy as part of his 'THE LOVE WORLD TOUR' at the Victoria Theater of the New Jersey Performing Center (NJPAC) on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 8 pm.

Head Over to the Victoria Theater for a

night of side-splitting comedy that transcends borders and breaks stereotypes (and offers a possible soulmate connection!). Martin Amini isn't just a comedian — he's a cultural cartographer mapping the hilarious landscape of human experience.

Born to an Iranian father and a Bolivian mother, Martin transforms his multicultural heritage and hits the comedy jackpot. With razor-sharp wit, he navigates the complex terrain of identity, relationships, and the beautifully messy world of modern love.

But his shows are more than just jokes — they are a whole interactive experience that might just turn into you meeting your soulmate. Martin occasionally plays cupid, turning his stand-up set into an unexpected matchmaking adventure. But whether you're single, coupled or somewhere in between, his comedic insights will have you nodding, laughing and maybe even finding love.

As the founder of 'Room 808' in Washington, DC, a vibrant comedian-run comedy club located in Washington D.C., and worldwide tours under his belt, Martin Amini brings a global perspective to local humor. His comedy is a bridge — connecting cultures, experiences and hearts one punchline at

a time. Learn more about Martin Amini at martinamini.com.

This extraordinary night of comedy when Amini takes the stage is part of the 'Prudential North to Shore Festival.'

TICKETS

For tickets to witness Martin Amini, visit njpac.org/event/martin-amini.

PRUDENTIAL NORTH TO SHORE FESTIVAL

The 'Prudential North to Shore Festival,' launched in 2023, features all the talent, diversity and creativity that New Jersey has to offer, packed into two extraordinary weeks of performances, parties and conversations. Programs and events are held in three of the state's most iconic cities: Each June in Asbury Park and Newark, with extended year-long programming in Atlantic City. The 'Prudential North to Shore Festival' brings hundreds of thousands of arts lovers together every summer, for 650+ events at more than 250 venues, for an over-the-top showcase of Jersey excellence.

Inspired by Governor Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy's vision of a celebration worthy of the Garden State's legacy of innovation and excellence in the arts, Prudential North

to Shore is "the festival only Jersey can handle." For the latest updates and new concert listings, visit northtoshore.com.

THE NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (NJPAC)

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), located in downtown Newark, New Jersey, is among the largest performing arts centers in the United States. It is the artistic, cultural, educational and civic center of New Jersey — where great performances and events enhance and transform lives every day.

As New Jersey's anchor cultural institution, NJPAC brings diverse communities together, providing access to all and showcasing the state's and the world's best artists while acting as a leading catalyst in the revitalization of its home city.

Through its extensive Arts Education programs, NJPAC is shaping the next generation of artists and arts enthusiasts.

NJPAC has attracted more than 12 million visitors (including more than two million children) since opening its doors in 1997 and nurtures meaningful and lasting relationships with each of its constituents. Visit NJPAC.org for more information.

NJYC EMBARKS ON 2025 EUROPEAN TOUR

BY MABEL PAIS

The New Jersey Youth Chorus (NJYC), a program of Wharton Arts, comprising 30 choristers from its premier ensembles, Coriste directed by Trish Joyce and Camerata directed by Dan Malloy, will tour Germany, Belgium, and The Netherlands, June 27-July 6.

The tour includes performances in historic and iconic venues, including Bonn Cathedral, a mid-day prayer service at Cologne Cathedral, the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres (a moving World War I tribute), Bruges Cathedral, and the Westerkerk in Amsterdam. Two of the concerts will feature collaborative performances with local choirs, offering a rich opportunity for cultural exchange through music.

In addition to their performances, the high school choristers will immerse themselves in the culture and history of the region with visits to the Beethoven Haus, Cologne Chocolate Museum, the European Parliament in Belgium, Bruges' Volkskundemuseum (Folk Museum), St. Bavo Church — including a demonstration on the historic Christian Müller organ played by Mendelssohn, Handel, and Mozart — walking tours, a chocolate demonstration and tasting, a windmill visit, clog-making demonstration, and scenic boat rides.

"This tour is a tremendous opportunity for our singers to experience Europe's rich cultural history while sharing their music in some of the world's most inspiring spaces," said Trish Joyce, Founder and Director of NJYC. "We are thrilled to



NJYC on European Tour.

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introduce our choristers to the people and places that have shaped centuries of music, and to engage in meaningful musical exchanges with our European hosts."

The NJYC ensembles will perform a diverse repertoire spanning from early choral works by Giuseppe Pitoni and Lodovico Viadana to contemporary pieces by Abbie Betinis, Elaine Hagenberg, Matti Hyökki, Stephen Leek, and Adam Podd, among others.

AUDITIONS FOR 2025-2026 SEASON

Auditions for the NJYC 2025-26 season are still open. In addition to the two touring high school ensembles, Primo

Coro for boys and girls in grades 3-5; Sola Voce for girls in grades 6-8; and Cor Amici, a new ensemble for boys in grades 6-8, are accepting applicants. To schedule an audition and learn more about NJYC's programs, visit NJYC.org.

WHARTON ARTS - NEW JERSEY YOUTH CHORUS

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles.

The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades

3-12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.

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