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Bardavon presents
Wanda Sykes
At UPAC in Kingston
Friday, October 26 at 7:30pm

FIRST TIME EVER IN KINGSTON!

(Kingston, NY) The Bardavon presents **Wanda Sykes on Friday, October 26 at 7:30pm at UPAC.**

Wanda Sykes has been called "one of the funniest stand-up comics" by her peers and ranks among *Entertainment Weekly's* 25 Funniest People in America. Her smart-witted stand up has sent her career in many different areas.

In 2012, Wanda joined forces with veteran producer Page Hurwitz to form Push It Productions, a production company dedicated to creating quality, comedy-based programming for network and cable television outlets. The company's diverse slate of projects includes sketch comedy, concerts, reality talk/variety, and competition formats. Their first set of specials; *Herlarious* aired in summer of 2013 and January 2014 on OWN and was the recipient of a 2014 Gracie Award. In just its first year, Push It has made a first look production deal with NBC, had a new series on OWN, and has shows currently in development with NickMom (Comedy Camp) and Comcast. Push It Productions produced the 8th and 9th seasons of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*. The second season of their show *Talk Show The Game Show* will premiere on TruTV this February and the second season of *Face Value* hosted by Deon Cole will return on BET in spring.

Last summer she was seen in the Fox comedy *Snatched* with Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn in Hawaii. Sykes was also seen in the feature films *Evan Almighty*, the sequel to *Bruce Almighty*, in which she co-starred with Steve Carell; the New Line feature *Monster-In-Law* starring opposite Jane Fonda, *My Super Ex-Girlfriend*, *Pootie Tang*, *Nutty Professor 2*; *The Klumps*, and *Down to Earth*.

Sykes has been seen on several television shows over the past few years. She can currently be seen on ABC'S *Blackish*, which she is nominated for a 2017 Primetime Emmy Award for "Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series." Other show include *Broad City*, Showtime's *House of Lies*; Amazon Prime's *Alpha House* created by Gary Trudeau about a group of Republican Senators who share the same DC rental house; HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*; she also spent five years on CBS's *New Adventures of Old Christine*. In 2010 she starred on her own late night talk show on FOX, *The Wanda Sykes Show*. Other TV credits include Fox's *Wanda at Large* which she wrote,

produced and starred in; *Wanda Does It* on Comedy Central and on *Crank Yankers* as the voice of Gladys Murphy.

She can be heard in many animated feature films and on TV. She was heard in Fox's *Ice Age*; *Collision Course* reprising her voice as 'Granny' from *Ice Age: Continental Drift*; in Dreamworks' *Over the Hedge* and Paramount's *The Barnyard*. On TV, she was heard on the children shows *Vampiria* and *Doc McStuffins*.

Her first book titled *Yeah, I Said It*, published by Simon and Schuster, hit bookstores in September 2004. *Yeah, I Said It* is a hilarious collection of essays touching on life, family and current events.

She spent 5 years as part of the HBO's critically acclaimed *Chris Rock Show*. As a performer and writer on the show, she was nominated for three Primetime Emmy's and in 1999 won the Emmy for 'Outstanding Writing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Special.' In 2001, she won the American Comedy Award for 'Outstanding Female Stand Up Comic.' She won three more Emmy's, in 2002, 2004 and 2005, for her work on *Inside the NFL* for 'Outstanding Studio Show – Weekly.'

Wanda was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and raised in Maryland. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University. Her stand-up career began at a Coors Light Super talent Showcase in Washington, DC where she performed for the first time in front of a live audience.

In 2010 she won a GLAAD award for promoting a good image of equal rights for gays and lesbians.

Tickets: \$91, \$61, \$41. No Member discounts for this show.

Purchase your tickets in person at the Bardavon Box Office, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, 845.473.2072 or the UPAC Box Office, 601 Broadway Kingston, 845.339.6088. Online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com/venue/129> : 800.745.3000. Please note that Bardavon Member benefits and special discounts are not available through Ticketmaster. Ticketmaster fees will apply.