

COMING UP

Comic wanted career in stand-up since Grade 7

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Dylan Gott spent many years pushing the boundaries between funny and annoying.

Now, the Stouffville District Secondary School graduate gets paid for being "selectively obnoxious" as a stand-up comic.

Mr. Gott, 27, returns to Stouffville for the second time in about six years as the Comedy Homecoming headliner. The show takes place June 14 at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park.

Mr. Gott knew he wanted to be a stand-up comedian in Grade 7 or 8. He graduated from Humber College's comedy writing and performance program in 2006.

"I'm young enough. I'll really put a dent into this stuff and decided to pursue it further," he told The Sun-Tribune.

Mr. Gott has had some career ups and downs, which included performing for other comedians who were the only other bar patrons. They were only there awaiting their turn on stage that night.

"If you're doing a passion project, you can't worry about that," Mr. Gott said of the meager living of his early days.

"It's like pizza. You can have a really bad piece of pizza but you still eat it," he said.

Mr. Gott was nominated as best stand-up newcomer in 2011 by the Canadian Comedy awards.

Toddy Barry and the Sklar Brothers are some of the Comedy Central performers Mr. Gott has opened for. He has also worked with Pauly Shore and retired wrestler turned writer turned comedian Mick Foley.

Stand-up has enabled Mr. Gott, who now lives in Toronto, to branch out.

In 2010 he portrayed a jovial prisoner in the play Charles Manson and Timothy Leary at Folsom Prison.

In 2012, he did a one-man show at the Toronto Fringe Festival.

Last year, Mr. Gott and fellow comedian Graham Kay started recording podcasts on all things sports.

Each episode tackled a single theme such as dumbest athletes, worst sports agents, worst dad in

sports history and best non-combat sports fights.

Those discussions can now be heard weekly on the Sports Brahs' show, which airs on Sirius XM channel 168.

"It's pretty cool," Mr. Gott said of the radio show that is recorded the same way the podcasts were — in Mr. Kay's house with the same equipment.

Mr. Gott's Stouffville show will contain some of his trademark self-deprecating humour, along with stories of what it was like to grow up here and then move to the city, alone.

There will also be some "salty language," therefore, the audience is restricted to those 14 years and older.

Also on the bill is former Stouffville resident Liam Kelly, who now lives in Richmond Hill but has family in town.

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Mr. Kelly specializes in improv and sketch comedy. He will perform some comedic songs with partner Trevor Cartledge and guitarist Scott Somerville.

"I'm compelled to do it. I can't help myself ... I have to get in front of people and make them laugh," Mr. Kelly said.

He has wanted to do a Stouffville show for quite some time but he needed the right partner. That is Mr. Gott.

"He knows the lay of the land and can talk about it and relay it back to the crowd," Mr. Kelly said of Mr. Gott.

"It will be nice to be in front of people we care about and who care about us," he said.

Kyle Hickey, who hails from the east coast, will make his Stouffville debut at the show.

Tickets are \$15 each and available at <http://nineteenonthepark.com>. Tickets discounted to \$10 each are available by e-mailing comedyatarchies@hotmail.com



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Former Stouffville resident Liam Kelly, who now lives in Richmond Hill, will join local native Dylan Gott during a comedy showcase at Nineteen on the Park June 14.

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