

## The Marsh San Francisco Presents

### ELECT TO LAUGH! With Will Durst and Friends

Every Tuesday Starting

February 7, 2012

Through Election Night November 6, 2012

Opening Night: March 13, 2012

*"Possibly the best political comic in the country"- The New York Times*

*"A great political satirist! One of the funniest guys around!"- Fox News Radio*

San Francisco (December 14, 2011) – **The Marsh San Francisco** is delighted to present **ELECT TO LAUGH! with Will Durst and Friends**, a hysterical juggernaut chasing down the presidential election cycle with material as up to date as the latest tweet from DC. Through innovation, experimentation and a ravenous appetite for accessing the topical via the jugular, **Durst** is out to prove that jokes are not the enemy. Consider the show political humor for those who don't like politics; comedy for people who read or know someone who does. In the tradition of Mark Twain, George Carlin and Spalding Gray, **Durst** and his rotating cast of Friends! will twist the rhythm of stand-up with poetry, punditry and puzzles a'plenty, planting the production solidly in the strictures and structures of a deconstructed one man show. Or solo performance piece. Whatever. The intent is blur the boundaries between stand-up comedy and theater and to mock and scoff and taunt, but with taste.

The show plays every Tuesday at 8:00 pm **from February 7, 2012 through Election Night on November 6** (press opening March 13) in the Studio Theater at The Marsh San Francisco, 1062 Valencia Street at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. The public may visit [www.themarsh.org](http://www.themarsh.org) or call **415-282-3055**. Tickets are currently on sale through March 27.

Laugh. Think. Laugh. Think. Laugh. Think. Repeat. Authored by the best joke writers in the business: Rick Perry, Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, Michele Bachmann, Joe Biden, Herman Cain, Sarah Palin, not to mention the ever fecund Newt Gingrich, ably assisted by the 535 hard working satirists in Congress, this show is definitely designed to be bipartisan. Of course, in San Francisco, bipartisan means both progressive and liberal. Rest assured every political stance will be taken to task. With special emphasis on the really dim.

**Why the show?** Why not the show? The American political process has been called a circus wrapped inside a game show covered in poisonous weasel glitter. All right, maybe it hasn't, but it should be. No matter

what side of the aisle you sit, it's easy to agree this election season carnival will birth a breathtaking side- show, full of ethical acrobats, logic geeks and moral contortionists. As a fount for material it promises to be an embarrassment of riches. Lush like a tropical rain forest. A cornucopia of delights.

**Who the show?** Acknowledged by peers and press alike as one of the premier political satirists in the country, **Will Durst** has patched together a comedy quilt of a career, weaving together columns, books, radio and TV commentaries, acting, voice overs and most especially stand up comedy into a hilarious patchwork of outraged and outrageous common sense. He currently writes a nationally syndicated humor column, and his scribblings have appeared in Esquire, George, the SF Chronicle, National Lampoon, The New York Times and scads of other periodicals. He is a 5 time Emmy nominee; has been fired by PBS three times; told jokes in 14 countries; racked up 7 nominations for Stand- Up of the Year; and his 800+ television appearances include Letterman, HBO, Showtime, CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox News and the BBC. The critically acclaimed Off-Broadway run of his one man show: "*The All American Sport of Bipartisan Bashing*," was subsequently turned into a book of the same name by Ulysses Press. **Durst's** performances are made possible by the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Who else the show?** Like minded others. Such as the really really famous. And the not so really really famous. Duos. Trios. Groups. Examples: Margaret Thatcher & The Bolshoi Ballet. (admittedly- negotiations not going well- but optimism remains high.)

**Examples of the show** (some lines which may or may not be included.)

*"Rick Perry is the candidate for those of you who could never cozy up to Dubyah because of all his intellectually challenging positions."*

*"Mitt Romney has flip- flopped so often, I wouldn't be surprised if his ads ended with "I'm Mitt Romney and I both approve and disapprove of this ad."*

*"No matter what you think of Obama's policies, you've got to admire his ability not to get involved with them."*

## FOR CALENDAR EDITORS

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**WHERE:** Studio Theater, The Marsh San Francisco, 1062 Valencia Street, at 22nd St  
*Parking: New Mission Bartlett Garage, 21<sup>st</sup> Street between Mission & Valencia*  
*The nearest Bart Station is 24<sup>th</sup> & Mission*  
**TICKETS:** \$15-\$35 sliding scale; \$50 Reserved Seating  
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For more information, call visit [www.themarsh.org](http://www.themarsh.org) or call 415-826-5750

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