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National Comedic Talent Brings the Laughs to Empire City Casino

April 8, 2014, Yonkers, NY— Unique, intellectual comedy will tickle the funny bone at **Empire City Casino** (810 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704; 914-968-4200) when Bronx native **Adrienne Iapalucci** headlines the Good Time Room stage on Wednesday night, **April 30**.

Iapalucci will be joined by featured artist, **Joe Matarese**, sharing his personal reflections. **Rus Gutin**, a regular in the New York City Club scene, will be the MC for the evening. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the show will begin at 8:00 pm. Admission is \$5 for Empire Club members and \$25 for all non-members. Elite Club members gain free admission to the show. All patrons will receive a free drink ticket.

Born and bred in the Bronx, **Adrienne Iapalucci's** skewed look on life is reflected in her unique brand of intelligent comedy. Her dark sense of humor is enhanced by her political incorrectness and counteracted by her love of dogs. Comedy fans will recognize Adrienne from her performances as a semifinalist on season 7 of NBC's *Last Comic Standing* and her recent appearance on the *Late Show with David Letterman*. In 2009, Adrienne won the first ever People's Choice award at the New York Comedy Festival. She was also a semifinalist in the festival's New York Funniest Stand-Up Contest and a runner-up in the New York Underground Comedy Festival's Best of the Boroughs contest. Adrienne has been featured in the *Daily News*, *New York Times*, *Reader's Digest*, and *TimeOut NY* magazine. In 2010 Adrienne made her international debut as part of Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival, where she took part in "New Faces". Adrienne can be seen touring comedy clubs and colleges around the country.

Joe Matarese's completely autobiographical act pokes fun at his subtly dysfunctional Italian family, his own neuroses, life with a five year old, a baby daughter, and his marriage to a psychologist (his perfect match). After 20 years of failed relationships, his main objective is fixing Joe – he has to if he wants this relationship to work. Joe's talent for turning real life struggles into comedic gems quickly landed him appearances on the most sought after TV and radio shows including *Chelsea Lately* (semi regular), appearances on the *Late Show with David Letterman*, *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, his own half hour special on *Comedy Central Presents*, *Comedy TV*, AXS TV's *Gotham Comedy Live*, Nick Mom's *Night Out*, *The Howard Stern Show* and *Breuer Unleashed* on Sirius Satellite Radio, *Howard On Demand*, multiple appearances on *The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn*, and *Comedy Central's Premium Blend*. You may also recognize him from Bravo's reality series *Better Half* where he teaches his wife to perform standup and she brings home the \$20,000 prize.

Rus Gutin has been a professional stand-up comedian for 14 years, starting at the age of 19 at Caroline's in Times Square. Since then he has appeared at some of L.A. & NYC's most premiere clubs, including: Stand-Up NY, The Laugh Factory, The Icehouse, and The Improv. He has also appeared in a sketch on *Chelsea Lately* and as a Finalist on *Clorox's Last Comic Sitting* with Sherri Shepherd. Currently, Rus is the co-producer of *Comedy Juice NY!*, an amazing show at Gotham Comedy Club. During his time there, CJNY has hosted some of stand-ups biggest names, including Jerry Seinfeld.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the country, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing; live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, karaoke & more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate: authentic Italian cuisine at **Nonno's Trattoria**; trackside dining with live betting at **Empire Terrace Restaurant**; convenient delicious options at the **International Food Court**. A new \$50 million expansion added **Dan Rooney's Sports Pub**; **Pinch American Grill**, not only whets the appetite but also features dozens of New York craft beers; and **Alley 810**, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County (I-87 to Exit 2), open seven days a week from 9:00am to 4:00am. Vvisit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for more information.

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