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**Wednesday Comedy Nights Heat Up at Empire City Casino in June Headlined by John Mulrooney, Yannis Pappas, Jessica Kirson, and Ari Shaffir**

***Comedians Take the Stage June 5, 12, 19, 26; Admission \$5 for Empire Club Members, \$15 for Non-members***

**May 29, 2013** - Wednesday Comedy Nights heat up at **Empire City Casino** in June with headliners **John Mulrooney** (June 5), **Yannis Pappas** (June 12), **Jessica Kirson** (June 19), and **Ari Shaffir** (June 26). These comics have been seen on popular networks such as VH1, BET, Showtime, and Comedy Central. Hosted in the **Good Time Room**, the doors open at **7:00 p.m.** each night, with the show beginning at **8:00 p.m.** Admission is \$5 for Empire Club members, \$15 for non-members, and Elite members are free. All attendees also receive a free drink ticket.

June Comedy Night starts up June 5 with headliner **John Mulrooney**. Born and raised in Brooklyn, John knew early on that his calling was comedy. He has performed at the Improv Comedy Club in Los Angeles and appeared on *Comedy Tonight*. The MC for the night will be **Leah Bonemma**. Based out of New York City, Leah was a finalist in 'The New York's Funniest Competition' during the NY Comedy Festival. Also featured is **Sandy Danto** who has appeared on Mad TV and Comedy Central's "Mash Up."

Headlining the June 12 show will be funnyman **Yannis Pappas**. His writing has been featured on television networks such as VH1's "Best Week Ever", BET, National Lampoon Live, and Comedy Central. Pappas was also featured on tour with comics Donnell Rawlings and Charlie Murphy on a nationwide comedy tour. He currently performs standup as a headliner in clubs and colleges all over the world. Joining Pappas will be MC **Richie Redding**. The Jersey City resident has become a regular at New York's top comedy clubs and has also become a regular on Hot 97FM. Also featured will be **Jessimae Peluso**, who has appeared on "The Tyra Banks Show" and TruTV's "All Worked Up."

The laughs continue on June 19 with **Jessica Kirson**. Kirson has been featured on various television shows including Comedy Central's "Premium Blend", VH1's "Awesomely Bad", NBC's "Last Comic Standing", and "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno". In late 2009, Jessica also starred in a television pilot - The reality talk show entitled, "The Jessie K Show," executive produced by Zach Braff. NYC native **Jamarr John Johnson** is the MC of the night. Johnson fell in love with comedy shortly into his second stint in the Marines. His highly energetic and dynamic personality never fails to disappoint. Also featured is improv specialist **Adam Ray**.

The final comedy night of the month will be June 26 headlined by **Ari Shaffir**. Shaffir uses edgy, boarder-line over-the-top humor to keep audiences entertained. He has been featured on the HBO show "Down and Dirty," TBS' "Minding the Store," and the "Opie and Anthony Show." He has recently been on a nationwide tour with Joe Rogan. Joining Shaffir will be MC **Jonny Loquasto**. Jonny has hosted shows for TBS, CBS Sports, and CBS Mobile's Comedy Channel. He also frequently appears at comedy clubs and colleges around the country. Brooklyn's **Pete Davidson** is also on the bill.

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***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 **rac**ing & International **simulcasting** from North America's leading harness and thoroughbred venues; nightly **live entertainment** including the best party and Latin **bands**, **dueling pianos**, **comedy**, **karaoke** & more. A plethora of **dining** options will satisfy even the most discerning palate: enjoy authentic Italian cuisine at **Nonno's Trattoria**; dine trackside with live betting at **Empire Terrace Restaurant**; convenient delicious options at the **International Food Court** or **Grab 'n Go**. As part of a new \$50 million expansion, **Dan Rooney's** high-energy sports bar boasts creations by Michelin-starred Chef Christopher Lee; and coming soon, in collaboration with **Ducasse Studios**, **Pinch** will not only whet the appetite but also feature 100 New York craft beers with an in-house Master Cicerone; a **craft cocktail lounge** will round 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. Connect with us on [facebook.com/empirecity](https://facebook.com/empirecity), follow us on [twitter.com/EmpireCity\\_C](https://twitter.com/EmpireCity_C), visit [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com) or call 914.968.4200 for more information.

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