

Phoebe Robinson Headlines High Mud Comedy Fest Dave Hill and local comedians perform March 31–April 1, with more acts to follow



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — MASS MoCA's **High Mud Comedy Festival**, a two-day laugh fest featuring a pile of performers thick with national comedic treasures and local stand-up heroes returns to North Adams on **March 31–April 1**. Unapologetically witty comedian **Phoebe Robinson** of cult-inspiring podcast *2 Dope Queens* headlines the festival, which is hosted by the charmingly deadpan comic/writer/actor/guitar hero/man-about-town **Dave Hill**. High Mud slides in for two nights of stand-up in MASS MoCA's Hunter Center and

an afternoon of comedy adventures just in time for April Fool's.

High Mud laughs don't stop at stand-up: comedy films, funny museum tours with performers, a joke cam, workshops, and a comedian-led beer tasting and tour of Bright Ideas Brewery on the MASS MoCA campus will leave your sides aching. Post-mainstage, late-night gigs at local venues — including Desperados and the Freight Yard Pub — will feature local talent.

Known for her sassy and sweet style, New York City-based **Phoebe Robinson** is a stand-up comedian, writer, and actress whom *Essence*, *Esquire*, and *Vulture* have all named as one of the top up-and-coming comics. Robinson has appeared on *Conan*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, and *Last Call with Carson Daly*. Her writing has been featured in *The Village Voice*, *New York Magazine*, *Glamour*, *The Daily Beast*, *Vanity Fair*, and *The New York Times*. She was also a staff writer on MTV's hit show, *Girl Code*, as well as a consultant for Comedy Central's hilarious *Broad City*.

A culmination of years of hilarious hard work and comedic tenacity, it is undeniable that Robinson is "having a moment" and her career is shining because of it (*Vice*). Robinson is the author of *You Can't Touch My Hair and Other Things I Still Have to Explain*, a *New York Times* best-selling memoir about gender, race, and popular culture. Robinson created and starred in Refinery29's web series *Woke Bae*, a video series in which she and guests "discuss hot dudes who are woke AF and affecting positive change in the world." Alongside Jessica Williams, formerly of *The Daily Show*, she is the creator and co-star of the chart-topping WNYC podcast *2 Dope Queens*, which hit number one on iTunes in its first day available. She also hosts the critically acclaimed WNYC podcast *Sooo Many White Guys*. Both podcasts mix storytelling, stand-up, and conversational banter, covering everything from societal issues such as diversity in comedy to the gender wage gap to how the hosts lost their virginities.



New York City-based **Dave Hill** is an absurdist comedian, writer, and musician from Cleveland, Ohio, whose talents run the comedic gamut. He hosts *The Goddamn Dave Hill Show* on WFMU in Jersey City and frequently appears on *This American Life*. Hill has appeared on *Inside Amy Schumer*, is often an on-air host for *Cinemax*, and has been on channels such as *MTV*, *VH1*, *BBC-America*, and the *Sundance Channel*. As a writer, his work has appeared in *The New York*

Times, *GQ*, *Salon*, *VICE*, *McSweeney's*, and *The Huffington Post*. Hill is the author of two anecdotal essay collections, *Tasteful Nudes: ...and Other Misguided Attempts at Personal Growth and Validation* (2012) and *Dave Hill Doesn't Live Here Anymore* (2016). Hill performed to a sold-out audience at MASS MoCA in 2010 and with his killer guitar licks and deadpan delivery had 2015's High Mud crowd in stitches.

High Mud Comedy Festival delivers a thousand laughs a minute in MASS MoCA's **Hunter Center** on **March 31–April 1**. Join us before the show when Lickety Split, MASS MoCA's café, serves up a special festival menu of lip-smacking pub fare. A full bar serves Bright Ideas Brewing beers and Berkshire Mountain Distillery spirits. Two-day festival passes are \$32 for students, \$42 advance, \$55 day of, and \$75 preferred. High Mud might get dirty; best suited for audiences ages 16 and up. Friday and Saturday admission to MASS MoCA's galleries is included in the festival pass. Tickets for all events are available through the MASS MoCA box office located on Marshall Street in North Adams, open 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays. Tickets can also be charged by phone by calling 413.662.2111 x1 during box office hours or purchased online at massmoca.org. All events are held rain or shine.

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About MASS MoCA

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Gallery admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for veterans and seniors, \$12 for students, \$8 for children 6 to 16, and free for children 5 and under through May 21, 2017. Members are admitted free year-round. The Hall Art Foundation's Anselm Kiefer exhibition is open seasonally, spring–fall. For additional information, call 413.662.2111 x1 or visit massmoca.org.

Hours

11am to 5pm, closed Tuesdays