

SWOSU Panorama Series Plans Music, Magic and Memories

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University is planning a “Music, Magic and Memories” Panorama series during the 2016-17 school year on the Weatherford campus.

Four events are planned:

- Comedian Mike Birbiglia - October 27, 2016
- Magician Mike Super - November 10, 2016
- The Gentlemen of Hip-Hop - February 2, 2017
- Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue - April 5, 2017

All events will be at 7:30 p.m. Comedian Mike Birbiglia will appear in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center with the remaining three events taking place in the Fine Arts Center.

Comedian Mike Birbiglia will bring his story-telling comedy to SWOSU to kick off the 2016-17 Panorama series. Appearing in the well-known *Orange is the New Black* TV show and featured in the movie *Don't think Twice*, Birbiglia's popularity continues to rise with over 40 talk show appearances, including numerous times on the Jimmy Fallon Tonight Show. Birbiglia is set apart from other comedians by his soft spoken, self-deprecating style and his effortless ability to coin a phrase.

Tickets go on sale September 6 and are available online at stubwire.com, 877.990.STUB (7882) or in the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office, Room 205 of the Administration Building. Advance tickets are \$10 for SWOSU students, faculty/staff and emeriti; \$20 for the general public; and \$25 for all tickets purchased at the door.

Magician Mike Super is the only magician in history to win a live magic competition on primetime U.S. network television. He was named Entertainer of the Year, Best Performing Artist of the Year and America's Favorite Mystifier on NBC's hit TV show *Phenomenon*. His show in western Oklahoma will be held during SWOSU Homecoming Week on Thursday, November 10.

Tickets go on sale October 3. Advance tickets are \$5 for SWOSU students, faculty/staff and emeriti; \$10 for the general public; and \$20 for all tickets purchased at the door.

The Gentlemen of Hip-Hop are full of youthful energy, risk-taking movement and clever choreography. The dancers are all street dancers—youthful, masculine, acrobatic, funky and fun—who act as well as dance. The group's performances attract a highly diverse audience, appealing to young and old, male and female, and all ethnicities and cultures.

Tickets go on sale January 5. Advance tickets are \$5 for SWOSU students, faculty/staff and emeriti; \$10 for the general public; and \$20 for all tickets purchased at the door.

The Panorama series will end April 5 with a dazzling performance by **Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue**. The internationally-acclaimed Indian musical explodes

with the sounds of India and Bollywood, capturing the vibrant, expressive spirit of the world of Bollywood movies that have been entertaining billions of people in India for generations. Through a fusion of film, dance, and music, this dazzling international sensation will take audiences on a live cinematic journey through modern Indian culture and society during their 2017 US tour. The production is a high energy celebration of new India's pop music, Bollywood culture, and deep traditions featuring colorful costumes, joyful dance, and thrilling live music. Tickets go on sale February 27.

"We have a stellar lineup of events," said Brian Adler, chair of the Panorama Committee at SWOSU. "This series has been enjoyed by so many people for 25 plus years, and we look forward to our 'Music, Magic, Memories' year."

SWOSU's Panorama series is partially supported by an endowed lectureship sponsored by SBC.

Additional information about the Panorama series is available by calling the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office at (580) 774-3063.