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Comedian Billy Gardell Coming to SWOSU

Emmy nominated actor and comedian Billy Gardell—who starred in the CBS hit television series, *Mike & Molly*, as Officer Mike Biggs—will headline a Panorama Series event on Friday, November 9, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Gardell's performance is part of a busy weekend of SWOSU Homecoming activities. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

Tickets are available at stubwire.com and in the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office (Room 205 of the Hays Administration Building).

As a follow-up to the hit series, Gardell has taken a dramatic turn in the CMT series *Sun Records* as Colonel Tom Parker, the infamous manager of Elvis Presley. The drama series was inspired by the Broadway musical.

In 2016, he received a Daytime Emmy nomination as Best Gameshow Host for *Monopoly Millionaires Club*.

Before *Mike and Molly*, Gardell co-starred in the critically acclaimed television series *Lucky*. His other television credits include *Yes Dear*, *Judging Amy*, *My Name is Earl*, *The Practice*, *Monk* and *Gary the Rat*.

His stand-up show is a powerhouse. His grounded, down-to-earth point of view strikes a strong chord with American audiences. Stories about his rough childhood, wild adolescence and new family life are executed with the skill of a master craftsman.

As a standup comic, his comedy specials, *Billy Gardell: Halftime*, premiered on Comedy Central and *Billy Gardell Presents Road Dogs* premiered on Showtime.

A native of Pittsburgh who currently lives in Los Angeles, Gardell loves Steeler football, stand-up comedy and his wife Patty, and son Will.

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