

Mad Magazine Editor to Present First Amendment Program at SWOSU

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A fiery presentation on the First Amendment is planned Thursday, October 22, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Mad Magazine Senior Editor Joe Raiola of New York City will take a humorous approach to First Amendment issues when he performs *The Joy of Censorship*, which has earned him critical raves for his sharp social satire.

Admission is free for the 7:30 p.m. event in the Fine Arts Center. The event is part of the Panorama series at SWOSU.

Ragging on politicians, religion and the media, Raiola has drawn comparisons to his comedy hero, George Carlin. His outspoken and smart comedy has won him fans from coast to coast. *The Joy of Censorship* sheds light on the endless arguments over banned books, movie ratings, the FCC, Supreme Court decisions, religious freedom and the true meaning of obscenity. It also traces the unlikely and colorful history of MAD Magazine, from renegade publisher Williams Gaines' historic showdown with the United States Senate over comic book censorship to MAD's emergence as a revolutionary and influential satiric force.

The program concludes with a unique slide presentation spotlighting many of MAD's most controversial and outrageous covers and articles, followed by a lively Q+A session. The event is for mature audiences only.