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<u>Arj Barker headlines stellar line-up</u> <u>at Jupiters Hotel & Casino's Laugh Your Pants Off</u>

With a star studded line-up of international and Australian comedians, Jupiters Hotel & Casino's eighth instalment of their hit comedy series *Laugh Your Pants Off* on Friday March 20 is a must-see if you need a giggle, chuckle, cackle or rip-snorter of a good time.

North America favourites Arj Barker, Joe Shaffer and Mike Wilmot will lead the international comedic charge at the one-night-only event, while Australian comedy stars Damian Callinan, Fiona McGary, Lindsay Webb, Joel Ozborn, Mark McConville, and hilarious trio Tripod will deliver some distinctly Aussie laughs.

Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said Jupiters' popular *Laugh Your Pants Off* series always offers up a stellar line-up of comedy and the latest bill is set to impress with a slate of top notch international and local guests.

"Our consistently sold-out *Laugh Your Pants Off* shows continue to attract the very best stand-up comedians from around the globe, and series eight is no different," Geoff said.

Headlining the show is Arj Barker, Australia's adopted son of comedy. Famous for his unique observations, heavy sarcasm and loud anger, Arj firmly established himself as one of the golden boys on the international comedy circuit when he won the coveted *Perrier Best Newcomer Award* at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 1997. Since then he's been honing his craft at sell-out performances around the globe.

A regular on Australian television, having appeared in *Thank God You're Here, Spicks and Specks, Good News Week, The Project* and *Talkin 'Bout Your Generation,* Arj has also made numerous appearances on late night talk shows such as *The Late Show with David Letterman and The Tonight Show,* and plays 'Dave' on smash hit series *Flight of the Conchords.*

Joining the entertainment is Canadian stand-up genius Mike Wilmot - a veteran on the comedy circuit, who is regarded as the king of creative crudeness. Mike will deliver a side-splitting collection of stories about the idiosyncrasies of life, with a dose of solicitude and originality amongst the truths.

Australian comedian Joel Ozborn will also keep you laughing with his physical style of comedy, and his flair for improvisation. Joel has built up a strong international following



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having toured his comedy shows around the world, and is a regular in comedy clubs and at comedy festivals across the nation.

Damien Callinan, a multi award-winning stand-up comic, broadcaster, actor and writer, is best known for his roles on *Skithouse* and *Before The Game* as well as his regular appearances on shows such as *Spicks and Specks*, *Melbourne Comedy Festival Gala* and *The Great Debate*. Having performed on stages all around the nation and with a talent for character comedy, Damien is a drawcard act and guarantees to supply plenty of laughs.

Australia's favourite musical and comedy trio, Tripod, will present a unique musical experience guaranteed to bring a smile to all. Renowned for their high-octane performances, the three stars of the show, Yon, Scod and Gatesy, are regulars on both the music festival and comedy festival circuits, in Australia and overseas.

For more information visit www.jupitersgoldcoast.com.au

Date: Friday 20 March, 2015
Time: 7.30pm start (doors open at 6.45pm)
Venue: Jupiters Theatre, Jupiters Hotel & Casino Gold Coast
Price: Tickets are \$49 per person. Dinner and Show Packages are available from \$59 per person. Purchase via ticketek.com.au, 132 849 or from the Jupiters Box Office.

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