

Chicago Improv Festival

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The 7th Annual Chicago Improv Festival: *The funniest 10 days in Chicago!*

Chicago, IL - CIF and the City of Chicago are pleased to feature **JAMIE BLACK** on the **SOLO** stage at the **7th Annual Chicago Improv Festival**, scheduled for **April 30-May 9, 2004**.

The Chicago Improv Festival has a world class reputation as the most prestigious improv and sketch dedicated festival around. With live performances by **120** acts and ensembles from **9** countries, in **10** venues over **10** days, with over **700** improv & sketch performers participating, CIF celebrates this Chicago-bred art form with style.

CIF 7 features another stellar lineup of spectacularly funny headliners currently scheduled to appear on the Main Stage, including performances from the full cast of Fox's long-running hit sketch comedy show **MADtv**, **HBO's Jeff Garlin** (2004 Golden Globe winner, Best Comedy, "*Curb Your Enthusiasm*" of which he is the co-creator and co-star, and Eddie Murphy's co-star in *Daddy Daycare*), and **Dan Castellaneta** (multiple Emmy award winner, "*The Simpsons*").

JAMIE BLACK will be appearing on **Friday May 7th at 11pm at Bailiwick Arts Center, 1229 W Belmont**. More information can be found online at www.cif.com about this and all other shows.

"In all seven years there has never been such a strong lineup from outside of Chicago. It's really exciting to see how the art of improv and sketch is growing due to the work of ensembles like Homegroan."

– **Jonathan Pitts**, *Executive Director and Producer*

"I am amazed at the amount of raw talent we see at each festival. As a director and producer, feeling both the energy and enthusiasm and watching artists like **JAMIE BLACK** is inspiring."

– **Zach Ward**, *Associate Producer*

The CIF 2004 press kit, with bios, photos, and complete schedules will be released on April 19, 2004. For more information or for interviews with CIF producers, please contact Jen Topolewski at 773.230.7568 or at jet582@juno.com

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