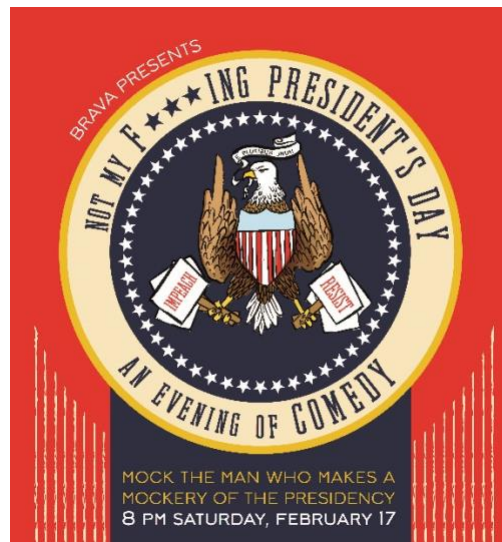


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Brava presents
Not My F*ing President's Day**
Evening of Comedy

Mocking the man who makes a mockery of the presidency!



Saturday, February 17 – 8pm

*Orange Troll King? If a spray tan were a person, Grope-nado?
Whatever you call him just don't call him our president.*

Brava presents *Not My F***ing President's Day*, an evening of stand-up comedy to rage and resist these Trumpian times. Featuring a lineup of brown, queer, and Muslim comics that would make Sarah Huckabee Sanders clutch her pearls. Featuring **Chris Garcia** (Comedy Central), **Francesca Fiorentini** (AJ+), **Karinda Dobbins** (opened for Trevor Noah), **Johan Miranda** ("Why Johan Miranda Should Be Deported."), **Dhaya Lakshminarayanan** (KQED's Women to Watch, Host of The Moth) and **Zahra Noorbahksh** ("Good Muslim, Bad Muslim", "All Atheists Are Muslim").

All proceeds from this event benefit the mission and programs of Brava! for Women in the Arts.

For Calendar Editors:

What: *Not My F***ing President's Day*, an evening of stand-up comedy

When: February 17, 2018 – 8pm

Where: Brava Theater Center, 2781 24th Street (at York), San Francisco 94110

Tickets: brava.org

\$30 orchestra

\$25 mezzanine

Comedians:

MC – Francesca Fiorentini <http://www.francescafiorentini.com/>

Francesca Fiorentini is a journalist, comedian and activist. She is host and producer of the show Newsbrok on AJ+, the digital outlet of Al Jazeera Media Network. She is also a field correspondent with Explorer on the National Geographic Channel. As a stand up comic, Francesca has performed at SF Sketchfest, the Comedy Comedy Festival in Los Angeles, and regularly appears in clubs and seedy bars in the Bay Area.

Zahra Noorbakhsh <http://www.zahracomedy.com/>

Zahra Noorbakhsh is feminist Muslim, Iranian-American comedian. Her one woman show, “All Atheists are Muslim,” was directed by W. Kamau Bell and was dubbed a highlight of the Int’l New York City Fringe Theater Festival by the New Yorker Magazine. A segment of her newest one woman show, “Hijab and Hammerpants,” debuted at Snap Judgment’s anniversary show, LIVE at the Paramount Theater. Noorbakhsh is also cohost of the internationally acclaimed podcast, #GoodMuslimBADMuslim, which was recently invited to record at the White House and deemed a ‘must listen’ by Oprah Magazine. She and cohost, Taz Ahmed, have been awarded the OCLA Rising Star Image Award for the podcast.

Johan Miranda <http://www.laweekly.com/arts/an-undocumented-la-comedian-prepares-for-trumps-america-7843100>

Johan Miranda has appeared in the documentary TV series *Flophouse* and *Unsafe Space* live comedy show and podcast. He shared the stage with *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart’s* Al Madrigal at a benefit for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund and as part of *RiotFest L.A.’s* “Comics to Watch.” He is currently developing a TV show about his life with writers John Altschuler and Dave Krinsky, co-creators of the HBO series *Silicon Valley*.

Karinda Dobbins <https://karindadobbins.socxs.com/Home>

Motor City native Karinda Dobbins was born in to a politically active family of skilled storytellers and sharp wits. She moved from Michigan to the Bay Area; and after repeated dares from a girlfriend, Karinda took the stage at Woody’s Café, and killed. To date, she has appeared at the Bridgetown Comedy Festival and has been featured at Bay Area comedy clubs the Punch Line and Cobb’s. She opened for Hari Kondabolu, Trevor Hoah and toured with W. Kamau Bell. Karinda made her primetime national television debut on *Coast-to-Coast* Episode 1 on NickMom Night Out.

Dhaya Lakshminarayanan <http://dhayacomedy.com/>

Dhaya Lakshminarayanan is the 2016 winner of the Liz Carpenter Political Humor Award (previously awarded to Samantha Bee, Wanda Sykes and satirist/humorist Mark Russell) presented by the National Women's Political Caucus. KQED named her one of the twenty "Women to Watch," the SF Weekly named her one of the "16 Bay Area performers to watch in 2016" and she was named one of "The Bay Area's 11 Best Standup Comedians" by SFist. She has opened/featured for or worked with the following: Janeane Garofalo, Marc Maron, Greg Behrendt, Jello Biafra, Dick Gregory, Anthony Jeselnik, Maz Jobrani, Norm Macdonald, and Greg Proops and Vice President Al Gore. She has performed internationally in Shanghai, China; Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, and Singapore and in the US at Bridgetown Comedy Festival (Portland, OR), San Francisco Sketchfest, the Boston Comedy Festival (semifinalist), the Limestone Comedy Festival (Bloomington, IN) and Laugh Your Asheville Off (Asheville, NC). Dhaya holds the distinction with RZA from the Wu-Tang Clan, to be one of the chosen artists by The Asian Art Museum of San Francisco to take the entire museum over for one night in 2017. During *Takeover: Dhaya Lakshminarayanan*, she programmed content including stand-up comedy, humorous fake tours of the museum, and an absurdist interpretation of Indian mythological comic books. Dhaya hosted the premier year of the Emmy award-winning series High School Quiz Show on PBS's WGBH and is a frequent comedic storyteller on NPR's Snap Judgment.

Chris Garcia <http://gersh.com/comedy/chris-garcia/>

Chris Garcia is a comedian and writer based in Los Angeles, CA. Chris cut his comedy teeth in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he was named "A Comic to Watch" by the San Jose Mercury News, "One of the 7 Funniest People in San Francisco" by 7x7 Magazine, and "a Rising Comedic Star" by the SF Weekly. Now based in his hometown of Los Angeles, Chris has been seen on Adam Devine's House Party on Comedy Central, Last Call with Carson Daly on NBC, and heard on memorable episodes of NPR's This American Life and the WTF podcast with Marc Maron. His breakthrough debut album "Laughing and Crying at the Same Time" is available on iTunes.