

Media Questions Of The Week

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Should NFL owners fire team members like Colin Kaepernick who don't kneel for the flag as President Trump has suggested?



Did Jay-Z reject an opportunity to perform at the 2018 Superbowl in support of Colin Kaepernick?



Why didn't The Emmys acknowledge Charlie Murphy and Dick Gregory?

Rev. Joseph E. Lowery Statement on the Passing of Dick Gregory



Atlanta, GA – Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, co-founder with Martin Luther King Jr. of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and former president, issued the following statement on the passing of Dick Gregory:

"I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Dick Gregory's wife, Lillian, his children, and the entire

family. We have lost a true warrior in our long journey towards justice.

“Dick was not just a comedian, author, entrepreneur and a dedicated foot soldier in the Civil Rights Movement; he was a friend and will be missed by many. His unique brand of social satire helped opened the eyes of people of all races around the world. Dick’s keen understanding of the need for black people to have a voice led him to run for Mayor, President, and gave him the audacity to make significant sacrifices in his career in order to stand against, and call out hatred and oppression. When the people asked, ‘Who will bell the cat?’ Dick Gregory answered the call.”

Dick Gregory, Kym Whitley, Luenell, Joe Torry, Shang to Bring the Funny at Hope Flood’s 4th Annual Comics Rock! Convention April 23-26 in Los Angeles



Hollywood, CA – What do you get when you mix a room full of comedic talent? Comedians that rock, that’s what! Funny lady Hope Flood is taking over the stage once again with her 4th Annual Comics Rock! Convention, April 23 through 26, 2015, in the comedy capital, Los Angeles! The Comics Rock! Convention (CRC) will gather a diverse group of professional talent, from up and comers to veteran stand ups, with the intent of discursing all things related to the industry of funny and

beyond. Workshops and seminars will be held at comedian/radio personality J. Anthony Brown's JSpot Comedy Club, located 5581 W Manchester Boulevard in Westchester, CA. Master comic, social/civil rights activist and humanitarian Dick Gregory will be the keynote speaker at the convention on Saturday, April 25, during a luncheon held at The Mavericks Flat Bar & Grill on 4225 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles. A legendary octogenarian, Gregory was recently feted with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Industry experts such as Kym Whitley (OWN TV's "Raising Whitley"), Luenell ("Katt Williams: American Hustle"), Mother Love (LA Talk Radio's "The Mother Love Show"), Rodney Perry (BET's "The Mo'Nique Show"), Shang Forbes (BET's "Comic View"), Joe Torry ("Def Comedy Jam") and The Mooney Twins (sons of comedy legend Paul Mooney) are only a sampling of the talent slated to conduct workshops and seminars over the course of the four days. Workshops including "Social Media & More," "The Art of Stand-Up Comedy," and "Intro to Voiceovers" will assist comedians with conquering every aspect of the business. On Saturday, April 25, KJLH radio host Tammi Mac will also lend her comedic flair with her "On the Radio" workshop.

"Comics On the Catwalk 4a Cause Fashion & Comedy Show," featuring a special musical guest and after party, promises to be an added event highlight. A co-production with Los Angeles' premier event host, Kevin Rouse of Rouse House Entertainment, comedienne Cocoa Brown (Tyler Perry's "For Better or Worse") and comic and New York's KISS-FM morning show host, Talent Harris, will preside as comedians temporarily forfeit stand-up for fashion on the runway. The affair will benefit The American Diabetes Association and A Nickel of Hope, Inc., a non-profit founded by Hope Flood that helps mentor at-risk girls in the inner cities (www.anickelofhope.org). "Comics On the Catwalk 4a Cause Fashion & Comedy Show," will take place Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m. at OHM Nightclub, 6801

Hollywood Blvd in Hollywood. Tickets for this fundraising event are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/comics-on-the-catwalk-for-a-cause-2015-tickets-16368124501> .



Comics Rock! founder,
comedienne Hope Flood

As the founder of Females in Comedy Association (FICA), Flood originally launched her comedy convention a few years ago as the “Females in Comedy Convention,” but has since expanded her vision to embrace both genders. With FICA however, she continues to offer female comedians tools for networking, mentoring, and collaborating as well as fueling awareness for comediennees in the entertainment industry. Comics Rock! will honor females in comedy with a special day of gifting and pampering.

“Comedy on stage and in life is a crucial component for happiness,” cites Flood. “This year’s convention is particularly special as we acknowledge all things funny but also all things crucial to survival in this ever changing business. It is especially heart warming for me to pay tribute to pioneer and icon, Dick Gregory. As a guide and mentor, it is his work and dedication that drives me to continue to present this convention year after year.”

Hope Flood has always made waves with her humor, reaching beyond the stage to influence and motivate. Early on in her career she was not only producing weekly showcases that served to propel the career of many comedians, but also publishing her own magazine, “Comedy the Magazine,” the first nationally distributed comedy magazine. She has served as an on-air radio personality on Dallas’ KRNK 105.7 radio with BJ & The Morning Show and has appeared on the Russell Simmon’s HBO All-Star Def Comedy Jam, Comedy Central’s “Comic Groove” hosted by Tracy Morgan, and “Comics Unleashed Hot Chocolate with Byron Allen,”

to name a few. Hope has been a semi-finalist in the Old English 800 Women's Comedy Crunch and a two-time semi-finalist in the Bay Area Black Comedy Competition.

For registration and more information regarding sponsorship, vendors or attendance, go to www.comicsrockconvention.com. The Comics Rock! Convention is going to seriously shake up the funny.

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1. Is the TV show "Scandal" perpetuating negative stereotypes about Black women because of Kerry Washington's adulterous interracial relationship?



2. Are the attacks on Spike Lee's opinion of "Django Unchained" by Black media personalities like Dick Gregory and Luther Campbell a sign that we are living in a post-Black America?



3. Now that the Frank Ocean remix of "Pink Matter" has teased the fans even more for an Outkast reunion, will there ever be one since Andre 3000 reminded everyone that the remix is not a reunion?