



# The Second City<sup>®</sup>

## TOURING COMPANY



## A Little Bit of History

An old Chinese laundry might be an odd place to start a comedy theater, but even in 1959 The Second City did things their own way. Over the next 50 years The Second City has established what the *New York Times* called "A Comedy Empire."

Just a few short years after The Second City launched in Chicago, the theatre formed Touring Companies that began performing all over North America at theatres, clubs, colleges, and performing arts centers. This became the model for developing the comedic talent that would grace the Chicago and Toronto resident stages of The Second City and often onto movies and television shows like *Saturday Night Live*.

Many of the comedy world's best and brightest have gotten their start performing everywhere from Peoria to Portland and Vegas to Vienna. Some of The Second City's alumni include: Alan Arkin, Harold Ramis, John Belushi, Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, John Candy, Martin Short, Eugene Levy, Chris Farley, Jane Lynch, Mike Myers, Jack McBrayer, Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert, Jason Sudekis, and Steve Carell.

Drawing from the vast archives of material, the Touring Company produces a two-act review of The Second City's celebrated brand of topical sketch comedy, hilarious songs, and on the spot improvisation that changes with every performance. An evening with The Second City provides audiences with the chance to see comedy stars in the making, a night of cutting edge comedy, and an unforgettable experience.



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