

HUMOR ME

WORKIN' HARD FOR THE FU

Joseph Anthony is a non-stop comedy machine

By Ed Kaz!

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Unless you have a free afternoon, don't ask Joe Anthony "What's next for Joe Anthony?"

"Work, work, and keep working!" exclaimed the Brooklyn-born comic.

"Although I have done a comedy concert series at Harrah's and the Borgata many times, (and) a three-night ensemble tour show at Trump, I am doing the Comedy Stop at the Tropicana for the first time on Nov. 25 through Dec. 1," he said.

"I have a new T-shirt that will be released in a week or so, damning the escalating cost of fuel," he continued. "I'm planning a holiday mailing barrage to try and recoup some of the office parties I used to be able to count on, before the economy tanked. I have a documentary on the back burner. Finally, a paperback book that is crawling along. It will be real insider stuff about the world of comedy/comics. Can't say much more now."

Anthony really shouldn't say much more, because it'll eat into his stage time tonight at Hightstown's Sarcasm Comedy Club:

KAZ!: *Joseph! Why comedy? Why not plumbing?*

ANTHONY: Why not plumbing? My hiney crack has not fully developed yet. Truthfully, I've walked from more amazing jobs (both blue and white collar) and successful small businesses because of this stupid curse/dream and an ad-



Joseph Anthony just loves Hightstown. Sorta. COURTESY OF JOSEPH ANTHONY

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HOSTED BY: Steve Trelvelse

WHERE: Sarcasm Comedy Club at Tavern on the Lake, 101 North Main St., Hightstown

WHEN: 8 & 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8

ADMISSION: \$20; dinner extra; visit sarcasmcomedy.com

diction to creativity. Making people laugh, think, and *my freedom!* In the words of Janis: "My friends all drive Porsches, I must make amends!"

KAZ!: *What do relatives say when you tell them you're a comedian?*

ANTHONY: Distant relatives think it's great, but the cheap ba\$&@ds never come to a show, so how do they know it's great?

My mother is supportive but wishes my shows were all down my block; worries about the travel. My father is waiting for me "to be done with this comedy ting." Grandma (rest her soul) would have been happier if I told her I was a men's room attendant!

KAZ!: *What's your biggest comedy influence?*

ANTHONY: I'm most influenced, these days,

by the love of my children and my desire to put food on the table. My father, sarcastic, a little mean, very funny! My sister Toniann (one of five sisters and about 15 years my senior) one of the nuttiest people on the planet, naturally insane and a huge influence. Of course, the legendary Pat Cooper. Listening to and strangely drawn in by his voice on his records at about five years old. He was my Hitler: mass hypnotizing me to follow this path.

KAZ!: *You're playing the Sarcasm Comedy Club, which is a pretty weird name for a club. Besides this one, what's the strangest-named comedy club you've ever played?*

ANTHONY: Tickles, Giggles, Yuk-Yuks, Snickerz (where I'm appearing this January). Can they be less creative and more obvious? "Sarcasm" works, *because I am!* Can't speak for the other sheep, because I'm a herder!

KAZ!: *What is it you love most about Hightstown, New Jersey?*

ANTHONY: Hightstown has a "quaint" two blocks. Good crowds. Pretty waitresses. Other than that, a bit strange. Especially those somewhat scary Victorian homes about a half-mile away from the club. Enjoy playing there; little desire to vacation there. (Laughs.)

Have a great weekend, and please remember to laugh responsibly. Follow Kaz on Twitter! @EdKaz

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