

Rendezvous with Madness Film Festival



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"BIG DADDY" TAZZ: OUTTA MY MIND

NOVEMBER 7, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Workman Arts – 651 Dufferin St.

Party and panel discussion to follow show.

"This man is funny and Canadian, man what a great combo."

- Phil Hartman



The Canadian comic is well known for his "Bipolar Buddha" routine, which is a humorous approach to mental illness. After years of struggling with undiagnosed bipolar disorder, Tazz finally sought treatment and today he controls his illness with behavioural therapy and spirituality, particularly Buddhism. Last year he proved he could still run a comic marathon not fuelled by mania by setting the world record for longest non-stop stand-up routine - eight hours.

Whole-heartedly believing that kids come first, Tazz dedicates a lot of his time to charities and fundraisers. He once proved his commitment by living on the roof of a Saskatoon pub for 14 of the hottest days on record to draw attention to the Children's Wish Foundation. Even though he got heat stroke, sunburned and many, many parking tickets, he reached his goal of gaining national media attention for the function and making hundreds of people laugh.

The RWM show will be hosted by Yuk Yuk's founder and Toronto-native Mark Breslin, followed by a panel discussion with Tazz. The discussion topic will be "Joking about Mental Illness - who can, who can't, how far can you go?"

[Outta My Mind with Big Daddy Tazz tickets are priced at \\$25.](#)

Don't miss out on more great comedy!

Laugh a Little – 6 pm at Workman Arts - 651 Dufferin St

A separate event from Outta My Mind, Laugh a Little is a light hearted collection of short films where people try just about everything to heal; from therapy, to Swedish, to chickens. These films prove that mental health doesn't have to be serious all the time.

Crazy Comedy packages including Laugh a Little and Outta My Mind with Big Daddy Tazz are priced at \$30. Single Laugh a Little tickets are priced at \$10.



For a full list of films screening at the festival, please visit www.rendezvouswithmadness.com.

Tickets and festival passes are available at the door and in advance online at www.rendezvouswithmadness.com. Tickets for group sales and student programs can be purchased by calling 416.583.4339 x7. Opening Night Gala tickets are priced at \$25, general admission for the festival is \$10 and a limited number of PWYC tickets are available one hour before each screening. Suggested minimum price is \$2.

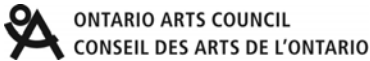
About the Rendezvous with Madness Film Festival

The Rendezvous with Madness Film Festival explores cinematic representations of mental health and addiction. Film and video programs are followed by post-screening panel discussions with people who receive mental health and addiction services, as well as writers, directors, actors, health care professionals and academics.

A panel discussion is set to follow comedy show with the following participants.

As confirmed at print-time

Big Daddy Tazz - Big Daddy Tazz will make you laugh 'til you cry then laugh some more; it's the bi-polar way!
Mark Breslin - Breslin opened the first Yuk Yuk's, in the basement of Toronto's Church Street Community Centre.
Joel Jeffries – Psychiatrist, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health



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