



For Immediate Release:



OWEN BENJAMIN

**COMEDIAN OWEN BENJAMIN TO HOST
THE ART DIRECTORS GUILD 18th ANNUAL
EXCELLENCE IN PRODUCTION DESIGN AWARDS, FEB. 8**

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8, 2013 — Comedian Owen Benjamin will host the 18th annual [Art Directors Guild](#)'s (ADG) **Excellence in Production Design Awards**, Saturday, February 8, 2014, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The announcement came today from John Shaffner, ADG Council Chairman and ADG Award Producers Raf Lydon and Dave Blass.

Owen Benjamin is a series regular on the TBS hit comedy *Sullivan and Son* and has been featured on many popular television programs such as *Chelsea Lately*, *Live at Gotham*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, *Punk'd*, Nick Swardson's *Pretend Time* and *The Jay Leno Show*. Owen's standup comedy specials include the recent *High Five 'til It Hurts* and *Comedy Central Presents Owen Benjamin*. Feature credits include *The House Bunny* (2008) and *All's Faire in Love* (2009) co-starring Christina Ricci.

Benjamin's multiple talents extend to writing, directing and producing television shows including *Gaytown*, *Owen Benjamin Presents* and *That's My Daughter*. Additional writing credits include *Splitting Hairs* (2012), *Couldn't Be Better* (2012), and *All-Stars* (2013).

Benjamin has performed stand up at the Aspen, Montreal, and Chicago Comedy Festivals, alongside comedians Vince Vaughn and Kevin James, as well as performances at countless clubs and universities. He can currently be seen live at the IMPROV Comedy Clubs across the country.

Nominations for this year's ADG Excellence in Production Design Awards will be announced January 9, 2014. The ADG will present winners in ten competitive categories representing theatrical films, television productions, commercials and music videos. As previously announced, Rick Carter will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and

Robert Clatworthy, Harper Goff and J. Michael Riva will be inducted into the ADG Hall of Fame.

The Excellence in Production Design Awards are open only to productions, when made within the U.S., by producers signatory to the IATSE agreement. Foreign entries are acceptable without restrictions.

Media sponsors include *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Daily Variety*, and *Shoot*.

About the Art Directors Guild:

The Art Directors Guild (IATSE Local 800) represents nearly 2,000 members who work throughout the United States, Canada and the rest of the world in film, television and theater as Production Designers, Art Directors, and Assistant Art Directors; Scenic, Title and Graphic Artists; Illustrators and Matte Artists; and Set Designers and Model Makers. Established in 1937, ADG's ongoing activities include a Film Society; an annual Awards Banquet, a creative/technology community (5D | The Future of Immersive Design) and Membership Directory; a bimonthly craft magazine (*Perspective*); and extensive technology-training programs, creative workshops and craft and art exhibitions. The Guild's Online Directory/Website Resource is at www.adg.org. Follow ADG on Twitter: [@ADG800](https://twitter.com/ADG800)

###

Note to Media: For an electronic image of Owen Benjamin, please contact Kaytee Long at kaytee@publicity4all.com

PRESS CONTACTS:

Weissman/Markovitz Communications
Cheri Warner / Kaytee Long
Tel: 818.760.8995, Fax: 818.760.4847
cheri@publicity4all.com / kaytee@publicity4all.com