

The Temple Theatre

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**NextMedia presents
Comedian RALPHIE MAY
Live at Saginaw's Temple Theatre**

SAGINAW, MI -- Veteran comedian, Ralphie May, will perform at the historic Temple Theatre on Tuesday evening, July 26th, 2011. Show time is 7:30 PM with doors opening at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$29 and \$39, and are on sale to the public starting April 29 at 8am. Please call **754-SHOW** locally or **877-754-SHOW** from outside Saginaw or visit www.templetheatre.com to order tickets today.

Ralphie May's popularity exploded after the success of the first season of NBC's hit reality series, "Last Comic Standing". Countless new fans joined long-time fans of Ralphie's stand-up when America thought he was robbed of the winner's title. Despite the show's outcome, Ralphie's special brand of comedy combines the familiar elements of hip-hop and topical comedy with a dash of southern down-home flavor and quick wit making Ralphie May one of the most popular comedians in the country. His first DVD, appropriately titled "**Just Correct,**" went PLATINUM! Released on February 10th of 2004 by Melee Entertainment, a division of DreamWorks, the collection has been described as "fresh and very, very funny." The DVD also includes footage of his USO Tour to Iraq where he could be seen swimming in Saddam Hussein's pool.

His special brand of humor and incredible timing has allowed him to cross social, cultural, and ethnic barriers and has earned him roles in such films as "**For Da Love of**

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Money” and **“Gas”** to name a few independent productions of which Ralphie has appeared. Ralphie has worked as an actor, writer and producer on ESPN's Mohr Sports starring Jay Mohr and had four appearances on CBS's The Late Late Show w/ Craig Kilborn as well as eleven appearances on Jimmy Kimmel Live. He has been seen on Tough Crowd, The Man Show and MTV's Bash as well as in guest-starring roles on numerous television shows including NBC's Whoopie. In an appearance on The Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno he received a standing ovation, the first comedian in 10 years to receive this honor.

The New York Times raves, “Ralphie is phenomenal...”The Washington Post describes his comedy style as a “Tour de Force.” At the age of seventeen, Ralphie entered a talent show, to which the winner would get to open for Sam Kinison. A dream came true... Ralphie won the contest and after the show, Sam turned to Ralphie and said, "That was the funniest thing I've ever seen in my life."

Ralphie May's comedy special, **“Ralphie May: Austin-tatious,”** recorded live to a sold-out crowd at the Paramount Theatre in Austin, TX, marks the comedian's fourth recording in just a few short years. In 2007, Ralphie's one-hour comedy special, **“Prime Cut,”** aired to higher ratings than Larry the Cable Guy or Ron White during Comedy Central's “Blue Collar Weekend.”

Most recently, Ralphie completed filming a new movie titled “The Best and Brightest”, starring Neil Patrick Harris and Amy Sedaris, which is scheduled for release later this year. For more information, please visit www.RalphieMay.com. For an online press kit, visit http://activesubmissions.com/artist/profile.html?c=integrated_pr_agency&p=ralphie_may_516183. Press contact for Ralphie May interviews is Stacey Pokluda 323.446.8669 ext. 1, or stacey@integrated-pr.com

The Temple Theatre is located at 201 N. Washington Ave. in Saginaw. Box-office hours are Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm and Saturday 9am – 5pm. As always, there will be free parking and shuttle service from the Saginaw Tower, 515 N. Washington, two blocks north of the Temple.

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