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Patton Oswalt, Doug Benson, Prescott Tolk to Perform at IWU

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Comedians Patton Oswalt, Doug Benson and opening act Prescott Tolk will perform Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Illinois Wesleyan Shirk Center (302 E. Emerson St., Bloomington). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For the IWU community, and one additional guest, tickets are free. Public tickets are \$12 through Ticketmaster.com or at the door.

In between stops in Hollywood, New York, and Atlanta, Ga., Oswalt, one of *Variety* magazine's "Comedians to Watch," will bring his stand-up show to Bloomington. He has been headlining clubs across the U.S. since 1996, and is currently executive producing and starring in *Comedians of Comedy*, a behind-the-scenes documentary style series on Comedy Central. His TV credits include regular appearances on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, co-host of *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Seinfeld* and *The Man Show*.

Film credits for Oswalt include *Starsky & Hutch*, *Down Periscope*, *Man on the Moon*, *Zoolander* and many others. His comedy CD *Feelin' Kinda Patton* was released in 2004, and he has worked as a writer on MADtv for two seasons, the MTV Movie Awards, VH-1 Fashion Awards and the MTV Video Music Awards.

Also in the line up are comedians Benson and Tolk. Benson, a comic, actor and writer, has appeared on numerous television stand-up shows. He has worked on HBO's *Mr. Show with Bob and David* and Comedy Central's *The T.V. Wheel*, as well as performing as Andy Warhol in the musical play *Waiting for Studio 54*. Benson co-created and will produce the sitcom *Susan Says Cheese*, starring Sarah Silverman. He appeared on NBC's *Friends*, CBS's *The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn*, and debuted in the Montreal Just For Laughs Festival.

Currently residing in Chicago, Tolk travels to clubs and universities across the country to perform. He recently made his television debut on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend*. A veteran of the New York comedy scene, Tolk has also performed at the Chicago Comedy Festival and the Toyota Comedy Festival in 2001. He was a semi-finalist in Comedy Central's Laugh Riots Contest, and the winner of Stand-Up NY's Hollywood Improv Contest.

In addition to stand-up comedy, Tolk has produced and edited a network of comedy Web sites for The Humor Network, and is currently working on writing his first novel.

For additional information on Oswalt, visit www.pattonoswalt.com; on Benson, www.comedycentral.com/comedians/browse/b/doug_benson.jhtml; on Tolk, www.prescotttolk.com.

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