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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This unique program is for students who want a fun opportunity to improve their speaking skills and ability to think on their feet by working with one of the premier comedy teachers in the world -- and who want to stand out on their college applications, especially among Chinese students.

This class will help all students demonstrate their creativity in their college applications, but it will be particularly beneficial to help STEM students distinguish themselves from the typical STEM applicant.

*Instructor: Kurtis Matthews
Founder, San Francisco
Comedy College*



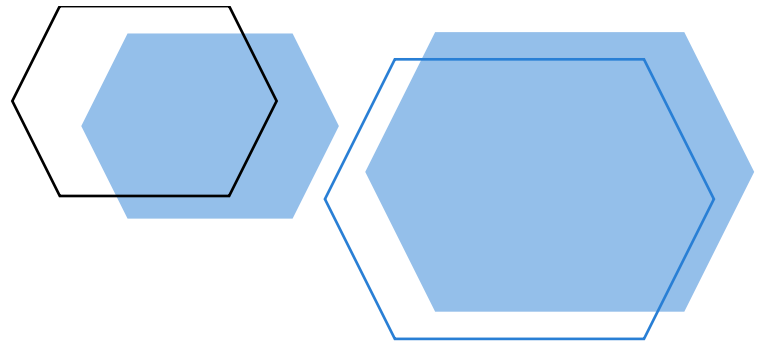
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHAT STUDENTS WILL LEARN

Students will learn the writing and performing fundamentals of stand-up comedy. By the end of the program, each student will have created a three-minute stand-up set. For interested students, Interface will record their performances so that they can include a link to their stand-up set in their college application.

This will be a very interactive class! Students will be expected to participate in class exercises for each session, and to complete comedy-related assignments between sessions.

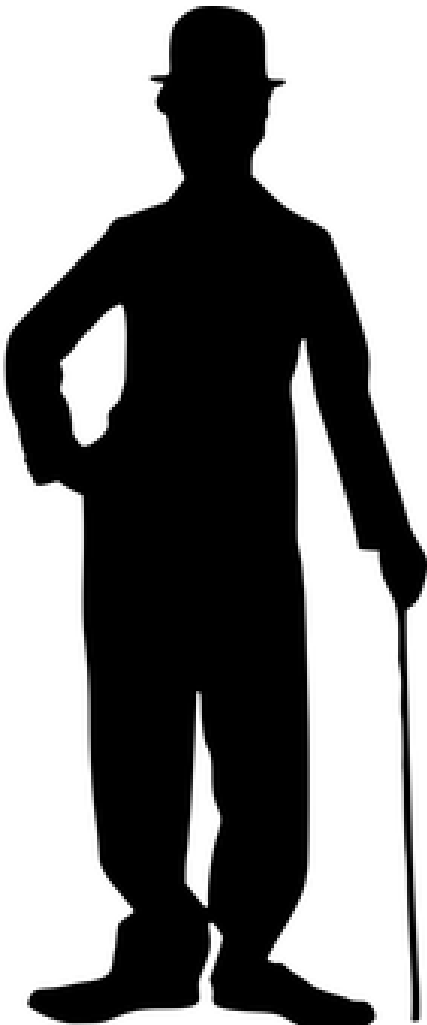
All students will be beginners at comedy, and no one should feel like they have to be strong speakers or performers to join the class – the class will be low-pressure, supportive and fun.



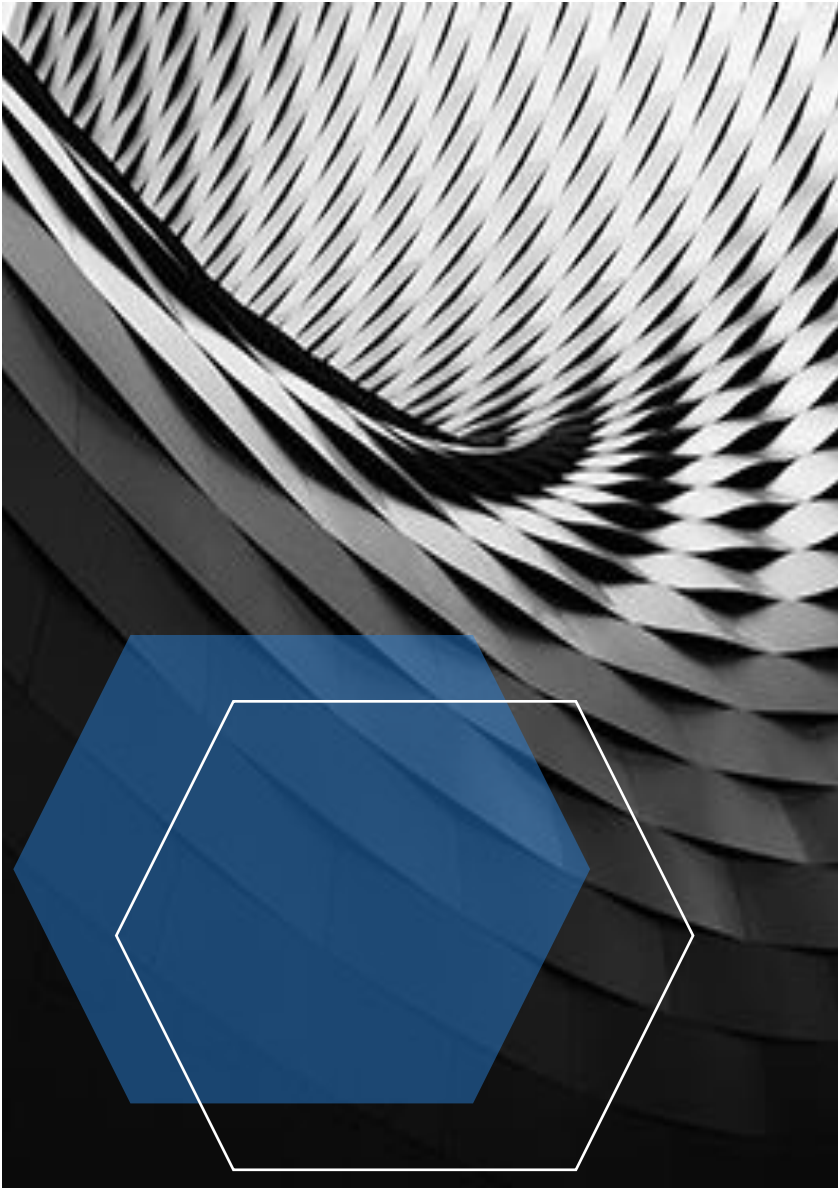
WHEN YOU JOIN

WHAT YOU WILL GET

- Instruction by a professional stand-up comedian and comedy school founder. Kurtis is the founder of the San Francisco Comedy College, the largest stand-up school in the United States. Kurtis has also been a stand-up comedian for over 35 years. He has toured with famous comedians including Adam Sandler, Jim Carrey and Judd Apatow, among others.
- The class is limited to 7 students to allow for a lot of interaction and feedback
- 8 online classes
- The workshop will begin ~September 8, ~January 15, and ~July 1.
- Students will have a number of opportunities to meet before class for additional one-to-one practice.
- Students are encouraged to e-mail the instructor between sessions for help and feedback on their comedy writing.
- By the end of the program, each student will create a three-minute stand-up set. For interested students, Interface will record their performances so that they can include a link to their stand-up set in their college application.



WEEKLY CLASS OVERVIEW



Week One: The class will discuss what material they can use from their own life to create humor, to help students define what their individual humor might be about.

Week Two: Developing comedic skill and learning joke writing – developing the comedic mind, structured comedic material development (Setup to Punchline).

Week Three: More comedic skill and joke creation – structured comedy material development (Conception to Setup).

Week Four: Developing a non-structured way to create comedy material and be funny on our feet without material -- organic material development; crowd work (interacting with the audience)

Week Five: Getting comfortable with creating characters, and confronting fears of performing in public! After week 5, students will start preparing an initial comedy set for week 6.

Week Six: Performance technique. In week six, students will give an initial performance of their comedy set.

Week Seven: Performance by all students with assistance and feedback from staff and other students.

Week Eight: Final Performance with notes (feedback).

EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITES

Students who complete the workshop are invited to assist with future workshops – not only will this help students continue to build their stand-up skills, but it will further enhance the students' college resumes.



KURTIS MATTHEWS - INSTRUCTOR



We are very excited that Kurtis Matthews is running the workshop! Kurtis is the founder of the San Francisco Comedy College, the largest stand-up school in the United States. Kurtis has also been a stand-up comedian for over 35 years. He has toured with famous comedians including Adam Sandler, Jim Carrey and Judd Apatow, among others. Along with being a great comedy teacher, Kurtis co-authored the book *Comediology* and starred in the BBC1 show, *Find Me the Funny*.

SUSAN GOODKIN – PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Ms. Goodkin is a graduate of Harvard College, Harvard Law School and Oxford University, where she studied on a Rhodes Scholarship, the world's most prestigious academic scholarship. Ms. Goodkin is a writer and college consultant whose articles have been published in magazines and leading newspapers throughout the United States. As a consultant, she specializes in helping students improve their resumes for college; she has helped many of her college advisees create blogs and publish their fiction and non-fiction work, which over the past few years alone has helped her students get into colleges including Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Caltech, MIT, Princeton, and U.Penn. A former courtroom attorney, Susan's presentation skills have made her a sought-after speaker, both nationally and internationally, on topics including how to get into top colleges in the United States.



Interested in this Program? Please contact Caroline Li at cl@interfaceedu.com or WeChat: 15690017639 to sign up and begin your amazing journey!