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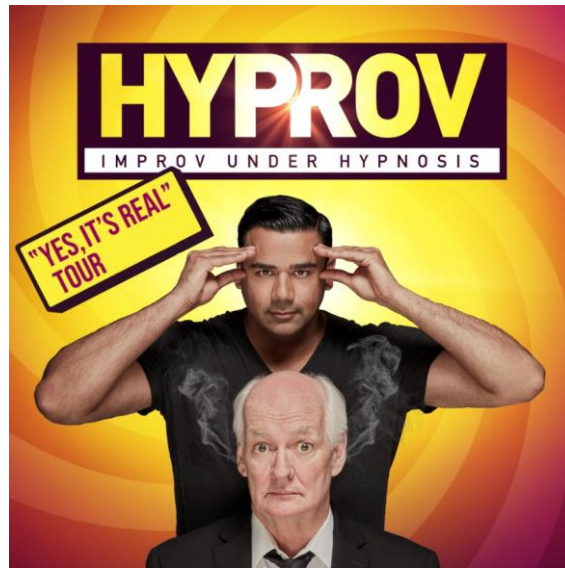
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Colin Mochrie and Asad Mecci Bring Back Smash Hit *HYPROV*: Improv Under Hypnosis for “Yes, It’s Real” Tour Across North America

Tickets for the Hilarious, Mind-Bending Show Are on Sale Now at PlayhouseSquare.org

CLEVELAND, OH - *HYPROV* (pronounced hip-rawv), the hit show that has sold out venues across Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom, is continuing its highly successful “Yes, It’s Real” Tour with a stop announced in Cleveland, OH at Playhouse Square. Tickets for this performance are on sale now at playhousesquare.org and by phone at 216-241-6000. With new dates announced and fresh from visiting over 60 North American cities since October 2024, the show is consistently stunning audiences, making them ask, “Is this real?”.

HYPROV was created in 2016 at Toronto’s legendary Second City. After working it out on stage, they took the show on the road to Just for Laughs London, Just for Laughs Montreal and the Edinburgh Fringe where it was received with rave reviews in 2016 and 2017. The duo set out on a 100-city tour from 2019-2023, performed 12 weeks Off Broadway in NYC and six months at Harrah’s Las Vegas, and a 16-show residency at the CAA Theatre in Toronto.

Starring **Colin Mochrie** (Whose Line is it Anyway?) and Master Hypnotist, **Asad Mecci**, the live show, *HYPROV*, which has been called “hilarious and fascinating” by Time Out New York, combines hypnosis and improv for a one-of-a-kind comedy experience.

“We are so excited to continue this new tour and return to some of our favourite cities and visit some new ones.” said **Asad Mecci**. “It’s been an incredible journey.”

"And we just want to remind everyone, YES! It's real," exclaims **Colin Mochrie**.

HYPROV has earned widespread acclaim by prestigious publications, with The New York Times declaring, "The audience erupted in laughter. It killed" The Wall Street Journal praised it as "catnip for those who relish spontaneity and informality," and The New Yorker advised, "Say yes to *HYPROV*."

The 90-minute show is a one-of-a-kind fusion of hypnosis and improv—two art forms that have long mystified and entertained fans, skeptics, and everyone in between. The evening begins with Asad Mecci inviting 20 volunteers on stage to be hypnotized. From there, the most responsive participants join Colin Mochrie to perform the rest of the show—while still under hypnosis.

In the hands of two seasoned performers and drawn entirely from the uninhibited minds of volunteers and the audience, each performance is completely original, unpredictable, and unforgettable.

Upcoming 2025 Tour Dates

Thursday, September 25 - Universal Preservation Hall, Saratoga Springs, NY

Friday, September 26 - Smith Opera House, Geneva, NY **Saturday,**

September 27 - Sherman Theater, Stroudsburg, PA **Friday, November 7**

- Mimi Ohio Theatre, Cleveland, OH **Saturday, November 8** - Flagstar
Strand Theatre, Pontiac, MI

Sunday, November 9 - Carnegie of Homestead Music Hall, Munhall, PA

Thursday, December 18 - Lincoln Theatre, Washington, DC

Friday, December 19 - Colonial Theatre, Phoenixville, PA

Saturday, December 20 - New Jersey Performing Arts Centre, Newark, NJ

Sunday, December 21 - Crown Hill Theater, Brooklyn, NY

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