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### **COMEDIAN JO KOY RETURNS TO THE FLORIDA THEATRE WITH HIS BREAK THE MOLD TOUR FOR VALENTINES DAY 2019**

**TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, November 23 | 10am**

**Jacksonville, Fla.** – After successfully selling out two shows at the historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre in 2017, comedian Jo Koy announced he will bring his Break The Mold World tour to Theatre on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 8pm.

Friends of the Florida Theatre at the Ensemble level and above can buy tickets now. Eclub members and Community First Credit Union members can use their code word to purchase on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 9am. Tickets, for Jo Koy, go on sale to the general public on Friday, Nov. 23 at 10am, and can be in person at the box office, by calling 904.355.ARTS(2787) or at [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com), the official site for Florida Theatre event tickets.

Jo Koy has come a long way from his modest beginnings performing at a Las Vegas coffee house. As one of today's premiere stand-up comedians, Koy sells-out theaters and arenas across the world with his infectious and explosive energy onstage. The comedian pulls inspiration from his family, specifically his son, with material that has universal appeal.

In November 2017, the comedian broke a record for the most tickets sold by a single artist at The Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall in Honolulu with 11 sold-out shows and over 23,000 tickets sold. Celebrating this accomplishment, the mayor's office in Honolulu proclaimed November 24th as "Jo Koy Day."

Koy is also the only comedian to sell out six shows at The Warfield in San Francisco, he broke the attendance record at Club Regent Event Centre in Winnipeg with four sold-out shows, and is one of the few acts to sell-out two shows at The Florida Theatre.

In July 2018, Koy was given the prestigious "Comedian Of The Year" award at the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal. Today, the comedian tours around the world and is currently on his *Break The Mold World Tour*.

He can be heard as a weekly guest on the popular podcast, *The Adam Carolla Show*. He also hosts the weekly podcast *The Koy Pond with Jo Koy* on Podcast One. Additionally, Koy can be seen on the Kevin Hart's LaughOutLoud.com as the host of *Inglorious Pranksters*. For more info on the podcast and tour dates, please visit: [Jokoy.com](http://Jokoy.com).

Later this year, Koy is confirmed to film his second Netflix original stand-up special at the Blaisdell Arena in Honolulu, and will also be seen co-starring alongside Brandon Routh and Donna Murphy as "Vladimir Lenin" in the upcoming live-action film *Anastasia*.

In 2005, Koy had the opportunity of a lifetime when he performed on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. He became one of a select few comics to receive a standing ovation on the show. Since then, Koy has had two highly rated and successful comedy specials on Comedy Central, *Don't Make Him Angry* and *Lights Out*. In 2017, Koy released his third stand-up special, *Jo Koy: Live from Seattle* as a Netflix original.

Koy has appeared on more than 140 episodes of *Chelsea Lately* as a season regular roundtable guest. Other appearances include: *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *@Midnight with Chris Hardwick*, Spike TV's *Adam Carolla & Friends Build Stuff Live*, Celebrity Page TV, VH1, *World's Funniest Fails*, *Sean In The Wild*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and *Last Call with Carson Daly*.

The historic nonprofit Florida Theatre is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming events or to buy tickets visit the Theatre's official web site [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com).

*Florida Theatre : From ballet and opera to contemporary pop, jazz, rock, country and blues the nonprofit Florida Theatre offers 200 cultural and entertainment events annually for every taste and age. More than just an entertainment center, The Florida Theatre is also home to graduations, awards ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events that support the community's schools, churches, hospitals and civic groups. As an anchor to downtown development along the beautiful St. Johns River, The Florida Theatre draws 250,000 people to Jacksonville's center each year. The magnificently restored Florida Theatre is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Florida Theatre holds special memories for four generations. From the Vaudeville acts and silent films of its earliest days to today's blend of performances of all kinds, The Florida Theatre has served as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927.*

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