IAN HARRIS

COMEDIAN • IMPRESSIONIST • SPEAKER

A fascinating and funny mix of spot-on impressions and clever, cutting-edge comedy, Ian Harris' act has landed him appearances on Jimmy Kimmel Live!, Comedy Central, as well as two hour TV specials! His first "Critical & Thinking" (2014), AXS TV called "A truly masterful hour of wit, humor and derisive jabbing." His second “ExtraOrdinary” (2017) is one of the most original, hysterical and socially relevant comedy specials you will find anywhere. One of the top Voice Over artists in Hollywood, Ian has provided voice talent to clients such as McDonald’s, FOX, Disney XD, DirecTV, Bravo, Fuel, Lays,Full Tilt Poker, and the FOX series “Bones”. Ian also narrated the music driven show “Mad Genius” on Fuse TV, Scripps “Top 3 of Everything” and Pepsi/Twitter’s “Live for Now”. A top headliner for over 20 years, Ian was named #25 on Entertainment Journal's Top 100 Comedians list, was a semi-finalist in Comedy Central's “Laugh Riots Competition” and dubbed “Top Character Comedian in Town” by Backstage West. He has also been heard on Playboy Radio and regularly on SiriusXM Raw Dog. His keen grasp of science, evidenced by his satirical, skeptical take on everything from religion to global warming-deniers and beyond, has also earned him comparisons to favorite thinking-man's comics like Lenny Bruce, Bill Maher and George Carlin. Peyton Gottschalk of Arizona Daily Sun says, “There are not too many humorists who provoke their entire audience to think, but somehow Harris is capable of doing just that.” With a unique point of view and an impressive array of comedic talents, Ian delivers a thought provoking style of stand-up all his own.

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NOTABLE QUOTES

"I very much enjoyed your skeptical and very effective assault on unreason."

-James "The Amazing" Randi

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-Peyton Gottschalk, Arizona Daily Sun

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-Joseph Cirilo, AXS TV

"Ian Harris is as funny in his new comedy special as he is in person, smashing political correctness and New Age idiocy with his tools of the trade: Occam's Razor, skepticism, and a keen eye for absurdity. Ian's skeptical wit skewers everything from racism, alternative medicine, Big Pharma conspiracies, astrology, ghost hunter illogic, lonely Bigfoot, and half-baked Christian theology. His shows make skeptics and open-minded people laugh—and believers cringe while laughing."

–Benjamin Radford, author, CSI Research Fellow, and deputy editor Skeptical Inquirer science magazine

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"Known for smart, sharp comedy that challenges popular beliefs ranging from religion to left-wing conspiracy theories."

-Steve Palopoli, Good Times Weekly

"As a First Amendment lawyer, I value free expression as a most precious liberty. Comedy, particularly if it's uninhibited, is one of the greatest ways of dealing with the trials and tribulations of daily life. In light of this, the comedy of Ian Harris, is a pure delight. He gives us the kind of belly laughs we all need as a humorous liberation from the mundane world."

-Edward Tabash Attorney at Law, Beverly Hills, California

"Ian Harris is hilarious! No other atheist comedian has greater wit, charm, and ability to showcase the funny side of skepticism."

-Maggie Ardiente, American Humanist Association

"... hilarious and irreverent! A secular hero for free speech."

-Felicia Davis, Atheist Alliance of America Convention Steering Committee

"The best character comic in town (Los Angeles)"

-Backstage West

"unapologetic freethinking in a public setting!"

-Don Lacey, Arizona State Director, American Atheists

"...that smart audience can expect plenty to laugh about"

-Kel Munger, Sacramento News & Review

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- **Released by Inception Media Group 2014**: Comedian Ian Harris takes to the stage to tape his first hour TV special, in Hollywood, CA on the night of the most publicized Apocalyptic claim in history, "The Mayan Apocalypse" (live performance aka Live From The Apocalyspe) with his uniquely and cleverly crafted comedy show rooted in skepticism. Armed with a wide array of characters, razor like wit and critical thinking skills, Ian skewers commonly held beliefs, taking aim at such topics as Religion, Ghosts, The Paranormal, Comforting Notions, Astrology, Pop-Mysticism, Alternative Medicine, Racism and of course The End of the World. It is easy to see why AXS.com called it "a truly masterful hour of wit, humor and derisive jabbing."

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CRITIC'S REVIEW

Ian Harris: Critical & Thinking Review

By: Joseph Cirilo | AXS Contributor | Aug 13, 2014

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Known as one of comedy's most brilliant and skeptical minds, Ian Harris' latest show, "Critical & Thinking" is one of exceptional intelligence and irreverence to boot. The show is right now available on Amazon Instant Video, iTunes and On Demand through Inception Media Group.

The show takes a skeptical look on the common beliefs attached to our collective American culture ranging from the recent "Mayan Calendar" apocalyptic scare, to astrology, and religion on principle. Even by stand-up comedy's set of standards, some of the discussion took a bold and interesting look at the things we believe, and the comedy flows naturally from that.

Throughout the show, the humor doesn't feel forced, which is refreshing. While Harris' act won't have you on the floor every 30 seconds with a new quip and observation, what he does give you is a structured set of intelligently collected thoughts that's neither stale nor boring. It's quite literally the ridiculousness of what people will actually buy as the truth that makes it so humorous. Rather than playing on his own life experiences, or examining the obvious reaches of pop-culture and timely events, Harris takes aim at ordinary people, and the traffic of misinformation that's made us believe things even as incredulous as the end times, and "positive thinking."

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Included in his acts is the social commentary on modern day racism, calling it somewhere between the pre-civil rights movement, and not existing as both radical extremes tend to put it. Were it not for the deliverance and the humorous use of certain exaggerated accents, some of the act might just come off as a bit revealing, and it should. If you're laughing, you're essentially laughing at yourself here. We've all been down the roads that Harris is explaining through critical thought and reasoning. The reason it's funny is because it's true, and now we have someone with the minerals to address it.

From paranormal activity "reality shows," religion, astrology, pop mysticisms, holistic medicine and, of course, the recent rise in popularity of how we'll die in what kind of apocalypse, nothing seems to be untouchable to Harris. Nothing is sacred on his warpath, and it's done so casually that it doesn't feel like an attack or an offensive statement. It may very well be to some, but you're more than likely to laugh with him anyway.

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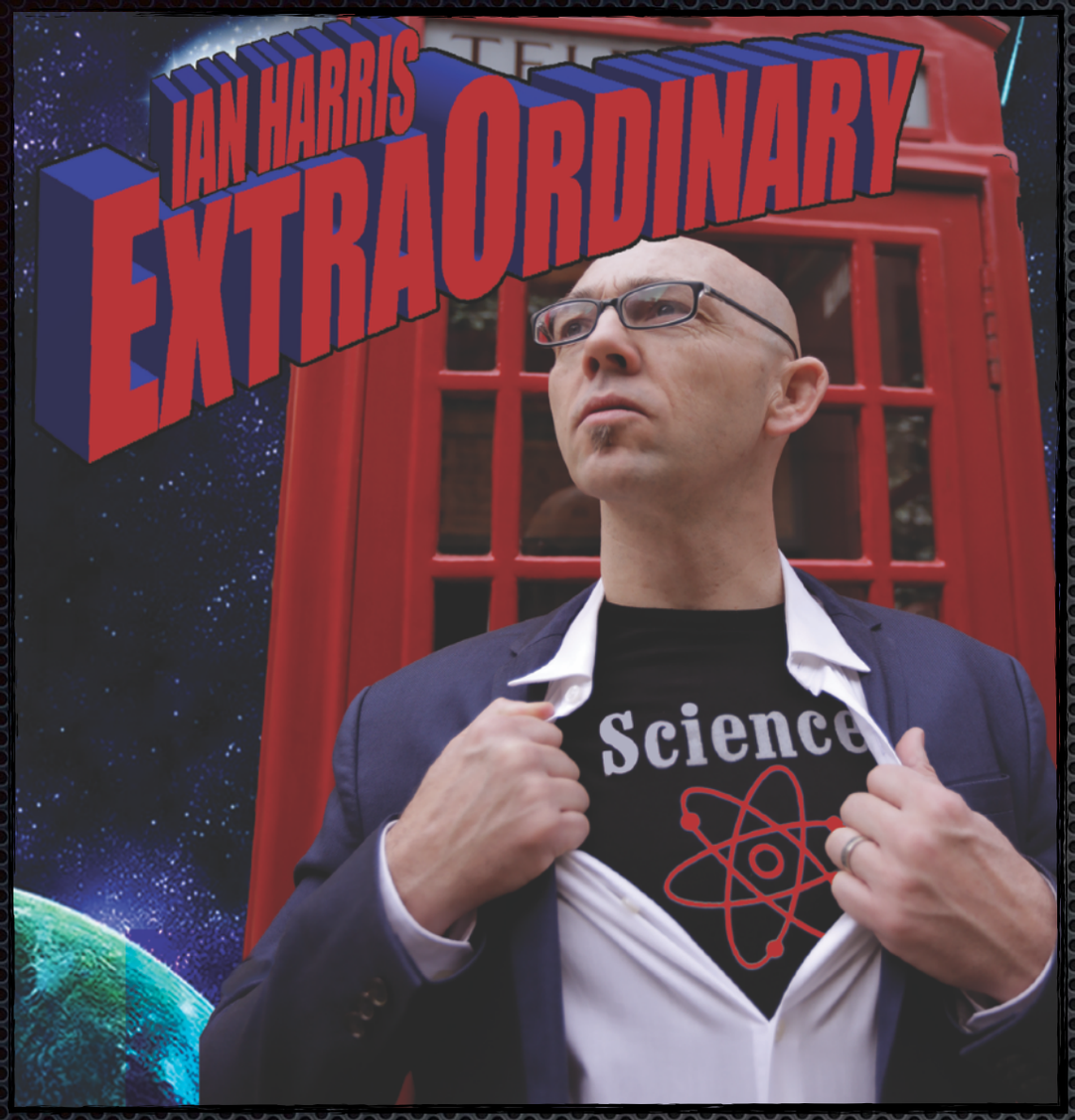

- **Released by Chassy Media & Comedy Dynamics 2017**: Ian Harris' second hour special, "ExtraOrdinary" was shot at the Rio Theatre in Ian's home town of Santa Cruz, CA. Following up on his brand of clever comedy fueled by science and skepticism, Ian brings his his critical thinking comedy to the main stream with topics that cover gluten allergies, chemtrails, ancient aliens and of course religion. For the first time in nearly a decade, Ian also brought back what he was once most known for, his dead on impressions of everyone from Jason Statham to Dave Chappelle, John Malkovich to of course Christopher Walken (Ian is often credited as the first person to impersonate Walken on stage) in a 10 minute closing bit that lampoons the insanity of the climate change deniers, as only Ian can. Watch the special that prompted Arizona Daily Sun to write "If extraordinary means extremely ordinary and incredible means anything but credible, neither of these are fit terms to describe the work of Ian Harris."

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CRITIC'S REVIEW

Comedian Ian Harris brings his ExtraOrdinary special to Flagstaff

Peyton Gottschalk Jan 25, 2018 0

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Ian Harris, the Skeptic Comedian. Courtesy photo

If extraordinary means extremely ordinary and incredible means anything but credible, neither of these are fit terms to describe the work of Ian Harris.

The California native was born with an adventurous spirit set on exploring the realms of humor. This desire to bring laughter to others was so much amplified that it prompted the performer to pack up his belongings and settle in to the city of entertainment, Los Angeles.

Harris has since worked in varying platforms. From owning an MMA studio and being a dad to traveling internationally for comedy shows and doing voiceover work, Harris is a man of many talents.

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Harris brought reasoning to his many lines of work and says, "I love MMA and being a teacher and doing voiceovers, but comedy is what I've wanted to do since I was a kid. When I found out it was an actual job you can do, I thought, 'I think I can actually do this. I don't want to do anything else.'" He continues, "These things free up comedy so it does not have to be a job like it was for me for 15 years. Now when I do it, I get to just do it because I love it."

His love for the art is apparent as he takes his everyday thoughts and transforms them into comical scripts to share with his audience.

Harris says, "I took a couple years off to be home for the first five years of my daughter's life. I missed comedy so much that it compelled me to get back on stage. I love being able to say things that I thought of and it makes 300 people in a room laugh."

With his comeback also came the shift of his approach to comedy. Harris went from focusing on saying what he thought people wanted to hear to being transparent with what was going through his head on topics that make headlines.

Shifting from pleasing a full house at a comedy club, Harris moved on to a goal of creating work that meant something to him. Now he goes to towns in dominantly conservative areas to reach the 10 percent that are not-so right winged.

"Bill Maher once said he wanted to go the unreached places. He said that in smaller towns that are made up of conservatives there is that 10-20 percent who aren't that are starving for anything," he explains. "They're constantly surrounded by nativity scenes and religion. I look at it as, although a place may be mainly conservative, that could mean there are 22,000 people there who will like my stuff."

The ability to be brutally honest in relaying his perception of the world while coating it in comical relief is what draws people of all ages to his work.

There are not too many humorists who provoke their entire audience to think, but somehow Harris is capable of doing just that.

Celebrity bashing. Parenting successes and failures. Politics. Religion.

These are just a handful of the elements Harris references that make him more than just a guy with a mic telling you things he thinks you want to hear. He puts out into the world what matters to him and ties them to tangible situations people can comprehend.

You can expect anything but the sweeping under the rug of the idiocy of mankind.

Though, if you are on the more conservative side or take offense to people poking fun at your self-diagnosed allergies, you may feel personally targeted by the punch line of Harris's jokes.

It is through his reconstructed approach to comedy that he voices what we are all thinking.

VIDEO LINKS

ORIGINAL SIN

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc535zrVBUY

Ian Harris tries to explain Original Sin to his daughter. The closer for his first comedy special Critical & Thinking 2014. Trivia note: this is the very first time Ian ever performed this on stage and close his first TV special with it! From "Critical & Thinking" 2014

GRAND WIZARD

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T9rMpkEq6OE

Donald Trump was endorsed by a Grand Wizard of the KKK. Perhaps he did not understand the concept of wizard. From "ExtraOrdinary" 2017

JUST A THEORY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeniB8qCrzU

No phrase is more annoying to a science minded person than "just a theory". Ian explains why this phrase is "just ridiculous". From "Critical & Thinking" 2014

CELEBRITY IMPRESSIONS IN 3 WORDS OR LESS Pt. 1

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlIlmkH22uc

CELEBRITY IMPRESSIONS IN 3 WORDS OR LESS Pt. 2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-XB0Wd0_Eo

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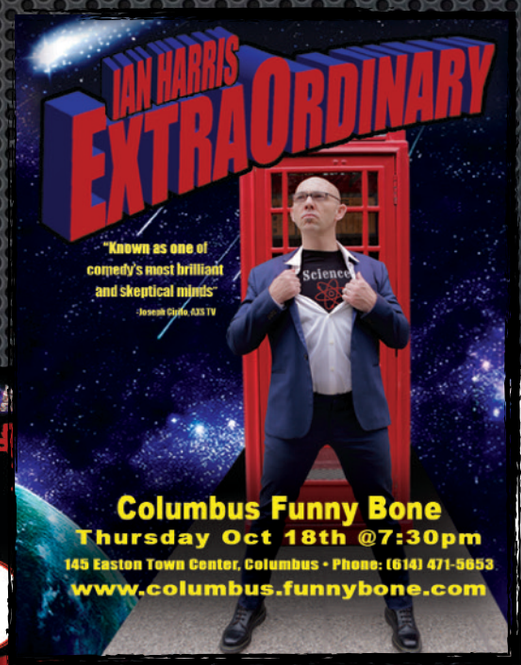
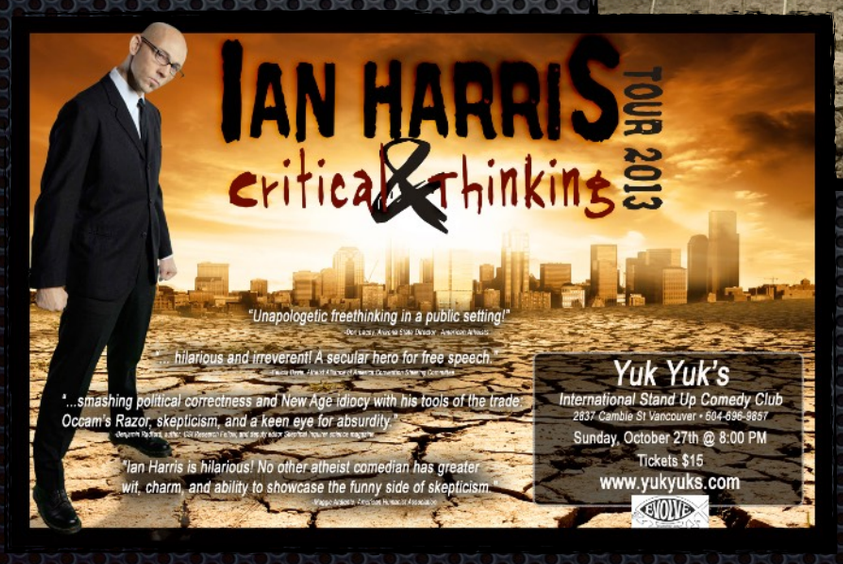
TOURING

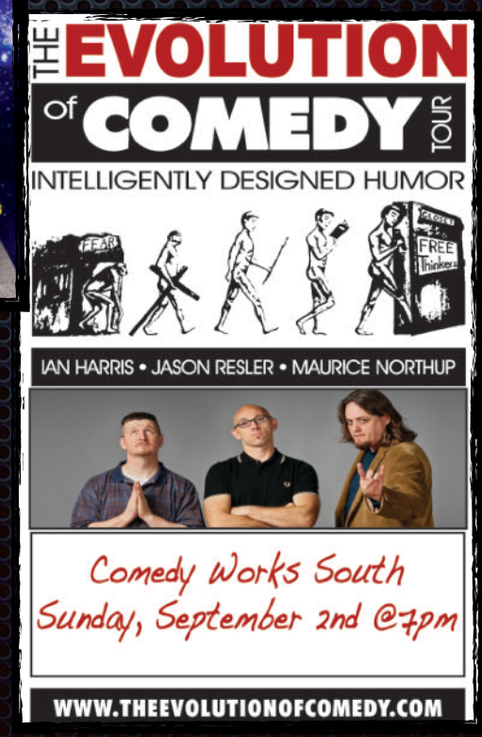
Non-Comedy Club Shows Last 5 Years
Solo and as part of a Tour

- 124 capacity theatre shows (avg. 300 seats)
- 34 college and festival performances
- 42 international ‘cons’ as key speaker/headlining or featured performer

Nationally Touring Headliner since 1998 (Select Comedy Clubs):
Punchline San Francisco, Cobbs San Francisco, Comedy Works Denver,
Zanies Nashville, Stand-Up Live Phoenix & Huntsville, LAFFS Tucson,
Harvey’s Portland, Comedy Underground Seattle, Funny Bone Boise & Columbus







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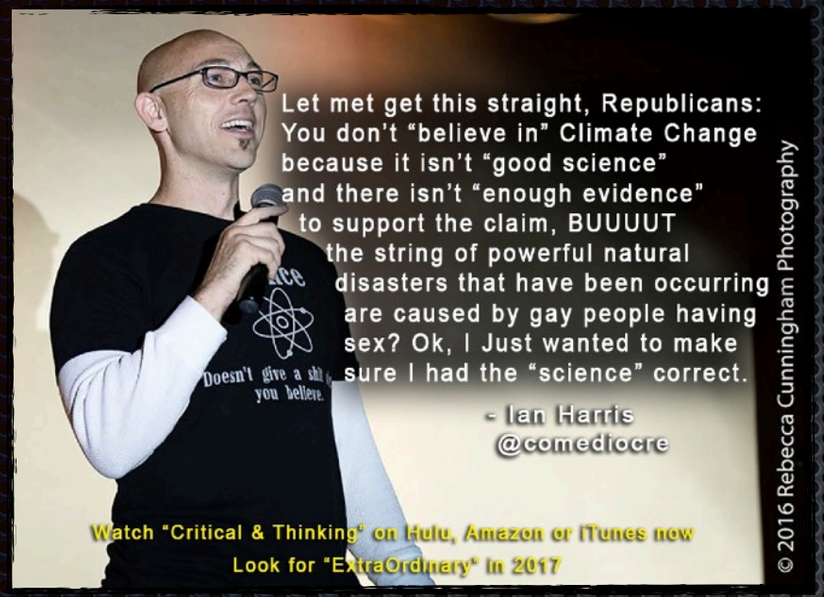

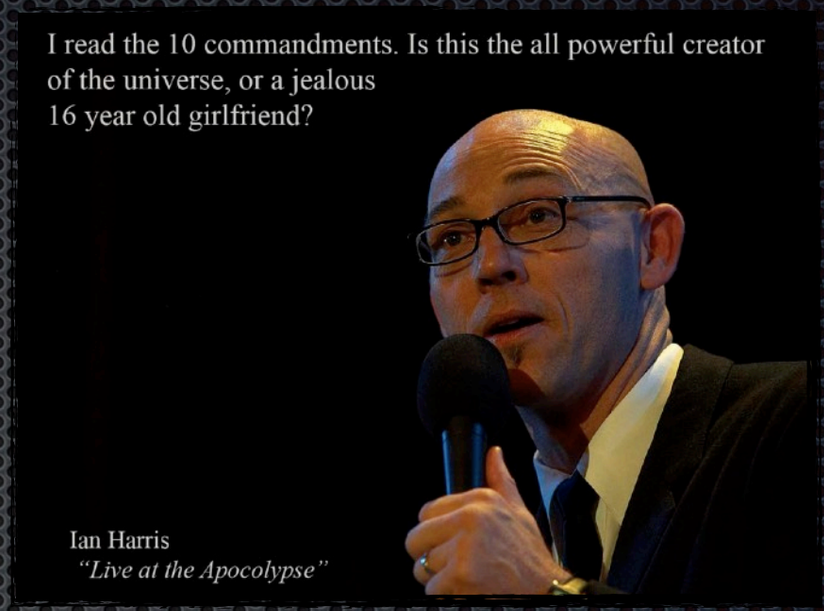

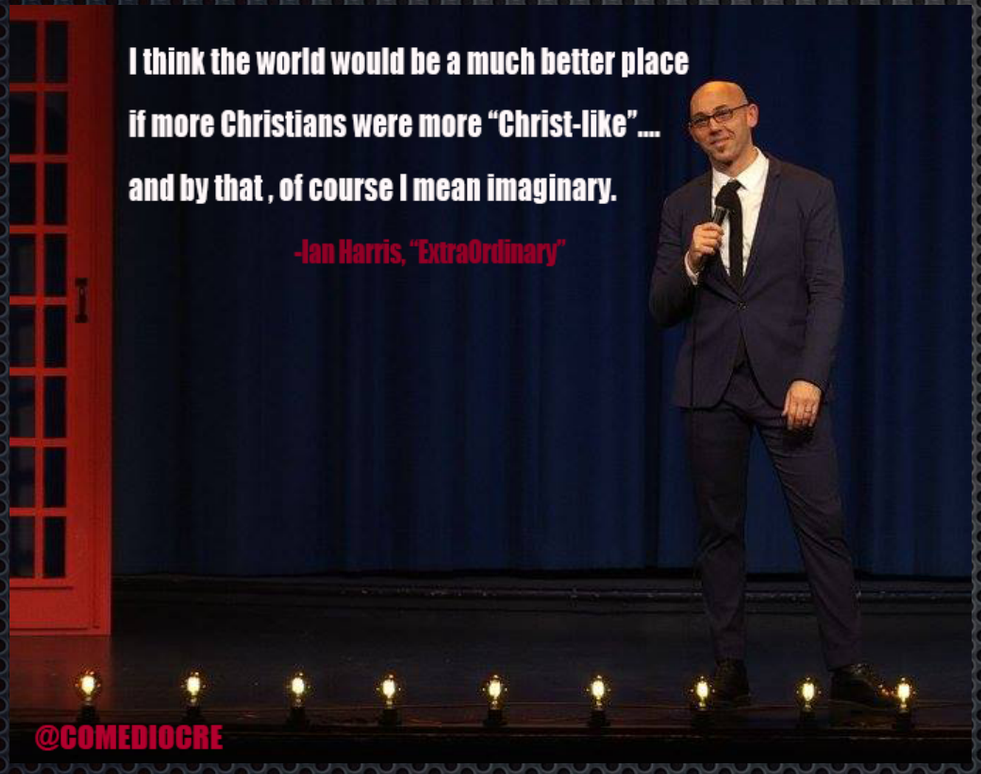

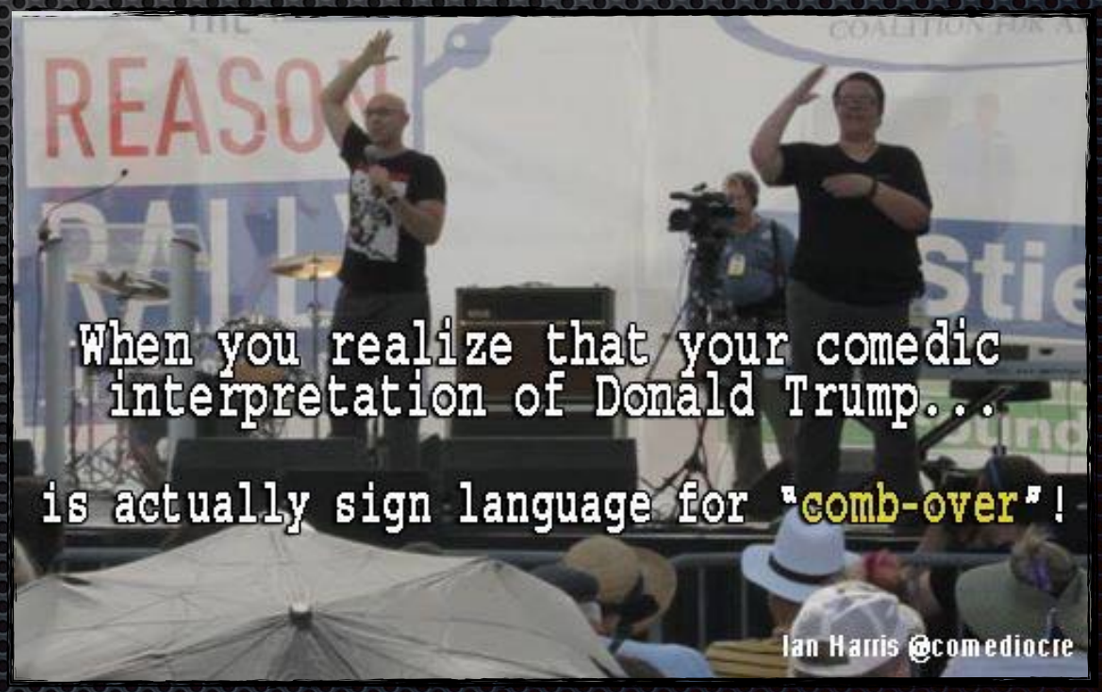

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NOTABLE CREDITS

- Comedy Central, Jimmy Kimmel Live, Playboy Radio, SiriusXM
- Host of *Critical AND Thinking Podcast* with Ty Barnett
- Featured comedian at DragonCon 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Host and Featured Performer 2017 American Atheists Conference
- Featured comedian at 2016 Reason Rally (main stage and comedy show)
- Guest on over 200 national and international podcasts and radio show
- One of the top voice over artists in Los Angeles
- Award winning director of feature films, music videos & comedy specials
- Creator and star of hit web series Kenny's Show
- # 25 on Entertainment Business Journal's Top 100 Comedians List
- Finalist San Francisco Comedy Competition
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