

THE IRISH CURSE
Off-Broadway's New Hit Comedy
Announces TALKBACK TUESDAYS
Beginning April 20 at the Soho Playhouse

Off-Broadway's *THE IRISH CURSE*, Martin Casella's acclaimed comedy, announces "Talkback Tuesdays," a new weekly series offering post-show discussions and audience Q&A sessions with special invited guest speakers at the Soho Playhouse, 15 Vandam Street (between Ave. of the Americas & Varick Street). The upcoming lineup of "Talkback Tuesdays" includes:

Tuesday, April 20 **Damon L. Jacobs**

Damon L. Jacobs is a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist in New York and California. His work in group settings has allowed him to develop comprehensive and effective tools for reducing stress and depression while increasing peace and happiness. His ideas uniquely combine his passion for psychological principles, progressive social theories, spiritual perspectives, and media critiques. His writing brings these elements together in fresh ways in order to challenge and eliminate harmful "shoulds." Damon started working in the mental health field in 1997. He quickly found that the traditional models of psychotherapy failed to meet the complex needs of a diverse society. He realized that culture and political rights were significant factors in one's values and thought patterns, and sought to understand how these factors could be utilized to promote wellness. Inspired by the works of Albert Ellis, Marianne Williamson, Byron Katie, and Margaret Cho, he developed ideas of how challenging assumed "shoulds" could assist in promoting mental and spiritual health. After years of applying these ideas to himself and to his clientele, he decided to write Absolutely Should-less to benefit others. Damon regularly contributes features regarding the social relevance of soap operas at WeLoveSoaps.net.

Tuesday, April 27 **Dr. Joy Browne**

Dr. Joy Browne is a nationally acclaimed, syndicated radio host and licensed clinical psychologist. Her radio program, the longest running of its kind, has been on the WOR Radio Network for nearly 15 years. Her show offers millions of devoted listeners advice on issues ranging from relationships and marriage, finance, work and career. Dr. Joy has had two of her own TV shows which include one on CBS called "Dr Joy Browne" and another on Discovery health which was a simulcast of her radio show. She has authored numerous self-help and inspirational books including *Dating for Dummies*, *The Nine Fantasies That Will Ruin Your Life*, *Dating Disasters*, *Getting Unstuck* and *It's A Jungle Out There, Jane*. Before finding her way to the airwaves, Dr. Joy was a teacher, private practice therapist, and social service director for the Boston Redevelopment Authority, in addition to her work on the Space Program and her time as an archeologist. She holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Northeastern University as well as a B.A. from Rice University, and also did postdoctoral work at Tufts Medical School. Joy is the mother of one daughter, and keeps herself inspired by dancing, doing yoga, and hot air ballooning.

Tuesday, May 18 **Barbara Carrellas**

Barbara Carrellas is an author, sex/life coach, sex educator, university lecturer, workshop facilitator, motivational speaker and theater artist. Her most recent books are *Urban Tantra: Sacred Sex for the Twenty-First Century* and *Luxurious Loving: Tantric Inspirations for Passion and Pleasure*. Barbara's pioneering Urban Tantra® workshops were named best in New York City by *Time Out* and *New York* magazines. She is also the co-founder of Erotic Awakening, a groundbreaking series of workshops, which toured the U.S. and Australia. Barbara currently offers inspiring and life-changing workshops, lectures, and keynotes on a variety of topics to individuals, schools, conferences, businesses, and the arts. Barbara is also a Sex/Life coach, offering her clients sex information and education, intuitive readings, emotional and mental rebalancing, resources and referrals. The essence of her work is the inseparable connection between your sex life and the rest of your life, and the happy integration of body, mind, and spirit. Barbara is a certified sexologist (ASC, American College of Sexologists) and a member of AASECT (American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists).

More guest hosts will be announced soon for other "Talkback Tuesdays."

Under the direction of Matt Lenz, the cast of *THE IRISH CURSE* stars Dan Butler (best known as Bulldog on "Frasier"), Roderick Hill (*Butley* on Broadway opposite Nathan Lane), Scott Jaeck ("Charmed"), Brian Leahy ("The Junior League of Superheroes"), and Austin Peck ("Days of Our Lives"). *THE IRISH CURSE* has been hailed as "a funny and charming play. *The Vagina Monologues* for guys" by Elisabeth Vincentelli of the *New York Post* and "perfect popular entertainment! An appealing cast! A savvy mixture of laughs and seriousness. A very human and even humane play" by Michael Kuchwara of *Associated Press*.

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 PM, Sunday evenings at 7 pm, with matinees Saturday and Sunday at 3 PM. Tickets are \$59 for all seats/all performances. For tickets and more information visit www.TheIrishCurse.com.