



COMEDY CENTRAL DEBUTS SERIES "JEFF ROSS PRESENTS ROAST BATTLE" AND SPECIAL "JEFF ROSS ROASTS CRIMINALS: LIVE AT BRAZOS COUNTY JAIL" IN ASIA IN NOVEMBER

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SINGAPORE, 24 OCTOBER 2016 – [Comedy Central](#) today announced the debut of four-part series *Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle* and special *Jeff Ross Roasts Criminals: Live at Brazos County Jail* in Asia. Inspired by the gritty, competitive proving grounds of the comedy-club circuit, *Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle* is a bracket-style insult-comedy Thunderdome event led by Roastmaster General Jeff Ross and referee/comedian Brian Moses featuring the world's most venomous comedians in one-on-one standoffs, with an all-star panel of judges deciding their tournament fate. The series premieres on **Tuesday, 8 November at 8.55pm (TH/WIB), 9.55pm (HK/PH/SG/TW) and 10.55pm (MY) with a new episode every Tuesday**. *Jeff Ross Roasts Criminals: Live at Brazos County Jail* shows Jeff Ross giving the most dangerous – and enlightening – roast of his life from behind the walls of the Brazos County Jail in Bryan, Texas. It premieres on **Sunday, 27 November at 7.55pm (TH/WIB), 8.55pm (HK/PH/SG/TW) and 9.55pm (MY)**. A repeat telecast will air on **Tuesday, 29 November at the same timings**.

Ross is an actor, writer, director, producer, and comedian originally from Newark, New Jersey. He created and starred in *The Burn with Jeff Ross* on Comedy Central and continues to produce and star in the wildly popular celebrity roast franchise. He was seen on the big screen in Jeremy Garrelick's "The Wedding Ringer" with Kevin Hart and Josh Gad, "Flock of Dudes" with Chris D'Elia, and the series "Kingdom". He also starred in the multi-camera comedy pilot "Keep It Together," produced by Kevin Hart. Ross' writing credits include the screenplay "The Comedian" (co-written with Art Linson) and the book "I Only Roast The Ones I Love," published by Simon & Schuster. Ross continues to tour the world performing live as "The Roastmaster General."

Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle

This four-part roast-off features Roastmaster General Jeff Ross, host Brian Moses and a panel of celebrity judges Judd Apatow, Whoopi Goldberg, Kevin Hart, Seth Rogen, Anthony Jeselnik, Jimmy Kimmel, Sarah Silverman, and David Spade. The comedians compete onstage while adhering to the Roast Battle rules: original material only, no physical contact, and every battle ends with a hug. In this competition, 16 comedians will enter the ring, but only one emerges as this year's Roast Battle Champion.

All four one-hour episodes were filmed live at L'Astral Theatre during the Just For Laughs festival in Montreal. Hart and Spade judge the first episode; Goldberg and Jeselnik judge the second episode; Jimmy Kimmel and Seth Rogen judge the third episode; and Judd Apatow and Sarah Silverman judge the finals.

Comedians doing battle include Tom Ballard, Matthew Broussard, Jimmy Carr, Christi Chiello, Chris Cubas, Olivia Grace, Tony Hinchcliffe, Mike Lawrence, Ralphie May, Sam Morril, Mark Normand, Ms. Pat, Steve Rannazzisi, Earl Skakel, Sarah Tiana, and K. Trevor Wilson.

First round matchups are:

Jimmy Carr vs. Christi Chiello

Earl Skakel vs. Tom Ballard

Mark Normand vs. Tony Hinchcliffe

Steve Rannazzisi vs. Sam Morril

Ralphie May vs. Ms. Pat

Matthew Broussard vs. Mike Lawrence

Sarah Tiana vs. Chris Cubas

Olivia Grace vs. K. Trevor Wilson

Jeff Ross Presents Roast Battle is executive produced by Ross, Joel Gallen, Amy Zvi, Willie Mercer, Moses, Rell Battle, and Rick Austin. Jonas Larsen, Christian McLaughlin, Jordan Ellner and Ryan Moran are the Executives in Charge of Production for Comedy Central.

Jeff Ross Roasts Criminals: Live at Brazos County Jail

Jeff Ross Roasts Criminals: Live at Brazos County Jail is a compelling, funny, and unfiltered look at life in an orange jumpsuit. In this one hour special, Ross touches on the topics surrounding incarceration in the U.S. such as race, the use of solitary confinement and the death penalty. Ross was allowed to spend three days at the Brazos County Jail and experienced firsthand how inmates survive behind bars. From playing basketball in the yard to spending time in solitary himself, Ross gets up close and personal with the inmates, hears their stories, performs a stand-up show for them and even roasts a group of both male and female inmates. Jeff also speaks with numerous detention officers at the facility, learns about their inmate behavior management philosophy and sees firsthand how challenging their jobs can be.

Jeff Ross Roasts Criminals: Live at Brazos County Jail is executive produced by Ross, Stuart Miller, Willie Mercer and Amy Zvi. Christian McLaughlin is the Executive in Charge for Comedy Central.

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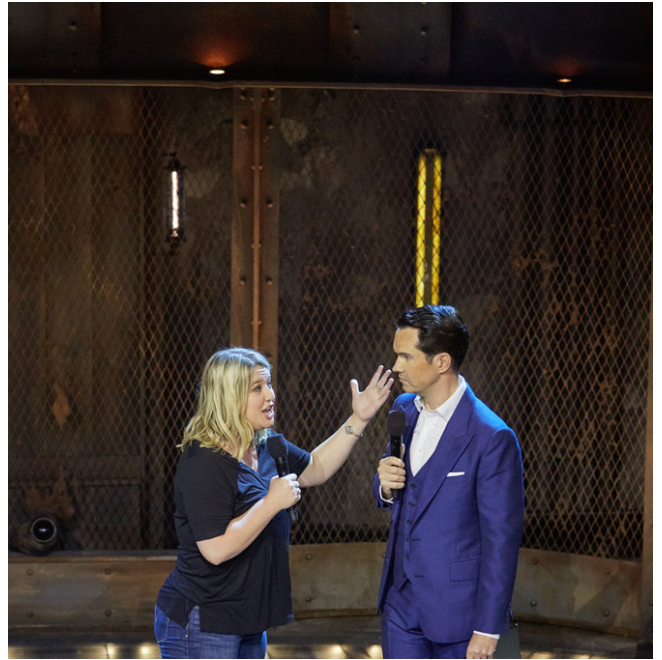
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