



## **Carnival LIVE Expands to Include Performances by Award-Winning Comedian Kathy Griffin in February 2016**

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MIAMI (December 3, 2015) – Carnival Cruise Line has expanded its popular Carnival LIVE entertainment concept to include two hilarious performances by two-time Emmy and Grammy award-winning comedian Kathy Griffin in February 2016.

Bringing the best in live entertainment to the seas, Carnival LIVE is a one-of-a-kind on-board experience that provides guests an opportunity to enjoy performances by major artists at a great value. Performances are held in the ships' main theaters – ranging in guest capacity from 900 to 1,300 – meaning there's never a bad seat in the house.

Griffin will showcase her distinctive brand of pull-no-punches comedy with two shows while ships are docked in Cozumel – one aboard Carnival Fantasy February 24 and another aboard Carnival Breeze February 25.

Known for pulling the veil back on current events in an ever-changing show that is inspired by this year's political landscape, pop culture news and her personal run-ins with celebrities and other "questionable figures," Griffin has achieved legendary status for her take-no-prisoners approach to comedy.

Her incredible work ethic and passion for her craft has earned her a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records for writing and starring in an unprecedented 20 televised stand-up specials – more than any comedian in history. Energized by her dedicated and engaged fans around the world, Griffin's live standup performances are in a class of their own.

"Kathy Griffin's unique brand of humor has attracted legions of loyal fans and we're delighted to kick off our first-ever Carnival LIVE comedy performances with two shows by this accomplished comedian, actress and author," said Sarah Beth Reno, vice president of entertainment for Carnival Cruise Line.

"I'm very excited to be part of Carnival LIVE and bring my standup to the high seas," Griffin said. "I encourage everyone to bring an open mind, a galley full of laughter and your comedy life vests...oh, and leave your kids in the stateroom because the 'Fantasy' and the 'Breeze' won't know what hit 'em when I take the stage."

Griffin's performances will complement an array of recently announced shows by musical artists taking place aboard 11 Carnival ships departing from eight convenient U.S. homeports this spring and summer 2016.

Tickets for Kathy Griffin's 2016 Carnival LIVE performances are \$50 for general admission, significantly less than land-based venues. VIP tickets are available for \$200 and offer seating in the first four rows, a photo opportunity with Griffin and a commemorative concert pass.

A full listing of the 2016 Carnival LIVE concert series is available by visiting [www.carnival.com/CarnivalLIVE](http://www.carnival.com/CarnivalLIVE). Additional information and reservations for Carnival's cruises are available by contacting any travel agent, calling 1-800-CARNIVAL or visiting [carnival.com](http://carnival.com).

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