



LESHER CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS  
NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED COMEDIAN  
**RYAN HAMILTON**

**Leshar Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek  
7:30pm, Saturday, July 9, 2022**

WALNUT CREEK, CA (20 May 2022) — The **Leshar Center for the Arts** wraps up its 2022 **Headliners** series with **Ryan Hamilton**, named one of *Rolling Stone*'s "Five Comics to Watch" and described by *The New York Times* as "one of the most reliably funny regulars at The Comedy Cellar [New York], an observational comic who often riffs on the absurdity of his own wholesomeness." Armed with his personable and hilarious perspective on growing up in rural Idaho, Hamilton has quickly become a favorite in the stand-up comedy scene. In addition to working with Jerry Seinfeld and Jim Gaffigan, Hamilton recently appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon" and "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" and stars in the critically acclaimed Netflix stand-up special "Happy Face." **Ryan Hamilton** will perform **7:30pm, Saturday, July 9** at the Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek. For tickets (\$32-\$52) and more information, the public may visit [lesherartscenter.org](http://lesherartscenter.org) or call the box office at **(925) 943-7469** (*open Wed-Sun, 12-6pm*).

**Ryan Hamilton** is an American comedian who draws from his own life experiences for his stand-up material. His clean-cut brand of observational, sarcastic, and self-deprecating humor has become a hit with audiences nationwide, earning him his own Netflix special titled "Happy Face" in 2017, which pokes fun at his signature grin. His "sweet-tempered stand-up" (*The New York Times*) has also been praised by critics, with *Forget the Box* calling his act "fresh, poignant, and light-hearted without sacrificing depth." The Montreal outlet raved about his performance at the Just for Laughs Festival: "Disarmingly funny. [He] had me in stitches more consistently than any other show I've seen so far... I had almost forgotten that very good comedy could exist that was—shockingly, amazingly—not R-rated, and full of feel-good humor." From humble beginnings in small-town Idaho, Hamilton has become a

favorite in the New York stand-up comedy scene. Hamilton began performing in comedy clubs in Salt Lake City before continuing his career in Seattle and Boston. He has appeared in several festivals and competitions, winning Sierra Mist's "America's Next Great Comic" search in 2005, and the top spot in The Great American Comedy Festival in 2011. He has been a regular performer at the Just for Laughs Comedy festivals, including Montreal and Sydney, and was a two-time semi-finalist on Last Comic Standing. Hamilton also opened for Jerry Seinfeld, who serves as a friend and mentor to him, on his 2019 tour. He most recently performed at the "Netflix is a Joke: The Festival" in Los Angeles May 2022.

### **About the Diablo Regional Arts Association**

The **Diablo Regional Arts Association** (DRAA) is the non-profit partner of the Leshner Center for the Arts, and acts as the designated curator for its programming and audience outreach. The organization aims to achieve artistic excellence by providing exceptional arts programming through quality live theatre, visual arts, and youth education at the Leshner Center for the Arts, while providing avenues of accessibility for everyone to enjoy the arts.

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