



NEWS RELEASE

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- WHAT:** UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE TOURING COMPANY **RESCHEDULED**
- WHEN:** **Friday, March 8 at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. (rescheduled from Friday, February 8 that was postponed due to snow storm)**
- WHERE:** Bowker Auditorium
University of Massachusetts Amherst
- TICKETS:** General Admission: \$20; Five College, GCC, STCC students and youth 17 and under are \$10. Call 1-800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 for tickets or go online to <http://www.fineartscenter.com/>
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UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE BRINGS COMEDY IMPROV TO UMASS

"Upright Citizens Brigade -- The CBGB of alternative comedy." New York Magazine

Let's try this again. The Upright Citizens Brigade Touring Company that was originally scheduled to appear on Friday, February 8th but had to be postponed due to the snow storm has been rescheduled for Friday March 8th for two shows at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Opening the 8 p.m. show will be UMass' own Vocal Suspects, the premiere co-ed a cappella group. Opening the 10 p.m. show will be UMass' Mission: Improvable.

The Upright Citizens Brigade (UCB) Touring Company cast is hand-picked from the best improv comedians in the country -- a veritable "next wave" of comedy superstars from the theatre that produced Amy Poehler, Horatio Sanz, Ed Helms, UMass alum Rob Corddry, Rob Riggle, Paul Scheer & Rob Huebel and countless others. Each show is original with the actors taking their cues from the audience.

The UCB, which originally consisted of Matt Besser, Amy Poehler, Ian Roberts and Matt Walsh, brought the "Chicago-style" long-form improv to New York City in 1996. It quickly fostered into a great place to learn improv and comedy and started to produce high-profile comedians. From *Saturday Night Live* to *The Office* to *Parks and Recreation*

UCB alums are all over the place. Not to mention the writing rooms and offices of the *Colbert Report*, the *Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, *MAD TV*. And even on the big screen, UCB alums have starred in the best, freshest irreverent comedies in the past decade, including *Bridesmaids*, *Mean Girls*, *The Hangover* and countless more.

Founded in 1999, The Vocal Suspects have established themselves as the oldest co-ed group on campus with a high reputation of balancing contagious excitement and energy with adept musicality. They pride themselves on their musical creativity, choreographic independence, and stylistic ability. Performing an eclectic mix of self-arranged contemporary and classic songs, they compete every year in ICCAs (International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella) and have earned the Quarterfinal champion title 5 times in the last 10 years.

Tickets for the UCB at Bowker Auditorium are general admission instead of reserved seating at \$20; Five College, GCC, STCC students and youth 17 and under are \$10. For tickets call the Box Office at 545-2511, toll-free at 800-999-UMAS, or purchase online at fineartscenter.com. For patrons who already had tickets for the original date are asked to call the box office for instructions. The Upright Citizens Brigade is sponsored by Easthampton Savings Bank, the Valley Advocate, and 93.9 The River.

PHOTOS

Hi-res photos available for download: <https://fac.umass.edu/Online/PressRoom>

PRESS PASSES

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The Fine Arts Center, located on the UMass Amherst campus, is a presenter of music, dance, theater and the visual arts, bringing hundreds of outstanding and provocative artists to the Pioneer Valley for over 35 years.

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