22nd Annual Onyx & Breezy Gala Comedy Line-Up

Richie Byrne

For over twenty years Richie Byrne has worked the top comedy venues here and abroad. Richie is also very proud to be the warm-up comic for "The Dr. Oz Show" since it's inception in 2009. He recently performed at Radio City Music Hall as the opening act to the "Dr. Oz Health & Happiness Summit". Richie is also an accomplished actor and singer with a long resume of theatrical and television credits including "Sex & the City", "The Sopranos" and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent". He can also be seen in the indy film, "Goodbye Baby", where he served as featured actor, comedian and advisor, as well as writing material for the leading characters stand-up routine. He also writes, produces and stars in his own musical variety series "The Richie Byrne Show," which can be seen at Gotham Comedy Club in New York City.

Joey Vega

Joey Vega is a veteran stand-up comedian, actor, and writer known for his sharp humor, relatable storytelling, and energetic stage presence. A fixture on the national comedy circuit for decades, Vega has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Late Late Show, and Comedy Central. As an actor, he has been featured in films such as The Pest and Joker, as well as numerous television appearances. Beloved by audiences for his authentic style and quick wit, Joey Vega continues to perform to sold-out crowds across the country.

Vince August

Vince August made his standup comedy debut at Caroline's on Broadway in 1997. Over the years he honed his skills and is now recognized as one of the very best at improvisation and standup comedy. Talked about by personalities like Howard Stern and Trevor Noah for his decision give up his career as a sitting judge to persue his love of stand-up comedy. Vince became a well known warm up comic for the most heralded comedies in television history, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, The Colbert Report, Last Week Tonight with John Oliver and even daytime television for Meredith Viera. Vince also made a name for himself in commercials, soap operas, and as a regular on "Primetime: What Would You Do?".

Lineup and order of appearance are subject to change

Sweetest Day

The Onyx & Breezy Foundation's 2026 gala falls on Sweetest Day.

Sweetest Day is a holiday that exists as a simple reminder that a thoughtful word, deed or small gift enriches the life of the recipient as well as the person giving it.

Legend has it that Sweetest Day was established around 1922 by a candy company employee who wanted to bring happiness to the lives of those who often were forgotten. Candy and small gifts were distributed to orphans, people confined to their homes and others to show them that someone cared. In time, the Sweetest Day idea of spreading cheer broadened to include everyone from family members to sweethearts and coworkers to acquaintances.

Even as the cost of nearly everything continues to rise, as our sweet treat to you, we are happy to be able to keep the ticket price for this year's gala the same. We hope that this will allow as many of our supporters as possible to join us for this special evening.

Tonight we celebrate everyone who helps support the mission of *Helping Each Animal Reach Tomorrow* by sharing a sweet treat, a kind word and a fun evening together!

22nd Annual Onyx & Breezy Gala Sponsorship Opportunities

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- Two Seats at our 2026 Fundraising Gala
- 1/4 Page Ad in Printed Journal
- Recognition at the Event
- Thank You Gift

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- 1/2 Page Ad in Printed Journal
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- Full Page Ad in Printed Journal
- Recognition at the Event
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- Full Page Ad in Printed Journal
- Recognition at the Event
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