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## **RON PLACONE BRINGS COMEDY HEADLINER SERIES FEATURING STEPHANIE BLUM TO THE GRAND ANNEX**

WHERE: The Grand Annex Music Hall, 434 W 6th St, San Pedro, CA

WHEN: Saturday, October 21, 2023, 8:00pm

TICKETS: \$20-\$25 / <https://grandvision.org/event/ron-placone-presents-a-comedy-series/>

**San Pedro (4/19/23)** "This will be the first time my gig schedule goes from a different continent to right down the street!," laughed Ron Placone, adding, "the Annex is such a wonderful space for comedy. I'm excited to bring my favorite comics to one of my favorite venues in my neighborhood." Placone has been a touring comedian for 15 years, with a recent international focus. Since moving to San Pedro, he loves testing new material at Grand Vision Foundation's Open Mic night at the Grand Annex Music Hall, a 150-seat cabaret-style venue in the heart of San Pedro's arts district.

**Placone recently teamed up with Grand Vision Foundation with hopes of bringing a regular headliner comedy series to the Annex. The series kicks off with comedian STEPHANIE BLUM on Saturday, October 21, 2023.** Taran Schindler, Grand Vision's Artistic Director enthusiastically commented, "the Annex is an intimate space - it's really perfect for stand-up. We've been presenting live music since 2008, now teaming up with Ron will set us on track to develop a solid comedy series alongside our concert line-up."

**About Stephanie Blum:** Comedian Stephanie Blum has brought audiences into hysterics with her brutally honest stand up. As a mother of three and former school psychologist, this street smart Brooklyn native rips into her favorite subjects including marriage, parenting, dieting and life in general.

Blum is a major touring artist, headlining on the Holland America CruiseLine and at well known venues around the country including Mohegan Sun Casino; The Comedy Store and The Ice House in Los Angeles as well as the Comic Strip, Carolines, Gotham Comedy Club in New York and many more. Her TV appearances include features on HBO's Comedy Minutes, Discovery Family's Babies Behaving Badly, Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen. Blum was crowned Ladies of Laughter's New York's Funniest Female and has been selected to perform at premier US comedy festivals including HBO's U.S. Comedy Arts Festival and the New England Comedy Festival.

**About Ron Placone:** Ron Placone is a comedian, writer and producer. He's been on The Discovery Channel, CrossTalk, FreeSpeechTV and more. His debut album, "Agnostic Holiday" is in rotation on SiriusXM. Ron writes the comic, Lucy & Ron and his short-film/pilot, *Loner*, was released in 2023. Placone's film *Frank Azurri* was included in the Vertical Movie Fest in Rome, Italy, and he is currently in production on his first feature, *Left At Wall*.

**About Grand Vision Foundation:** Grand Vision Foundation (GVF) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that has played a leading role in developing the LA Harbor Area as a destination for arts and culture. The organization produces concerts and other live performances at the Grand Annex Music Hall, a 150-seat music listening room in the heart of San Pedro's arts district, as well as other community events. GVF also provides marketing support and leads restoration initiatives for the historic 1,500-seat Warner Grand Theatre which is owned and operated by the City of LA. For the next generation, Grand Vision's "Meet the Music" program serves over 3,000 elementary students annually with a robust in-school music curriculum.

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