



**Tom Ryan** has been a full time standup comedian for over fifteen years. He will soon make his third appearance on the Late Show with David Letterman (tentatively scheduled for July 16, 2004).

Since he was about 10 years old, Tom wanted to be a standup comedian. The first standup comedy he ever heard was Bill Cosby's debut album that contained the famous Noah routine. Over the next few years, he also became a fan of David Brenner, Woody Allen and George Carlin. He listened to Carlin's FM and AM album over and over again until he had it completely memorized. He used to recite the entire album to whoever would listen.

At 26, he left an insurance job in his hometown of Philadelphia to move to Florida where he got a job at a local golf course. The job lasted only 3 weeks. Ryan says, Losing that job was the best thing that ever happened to me because it forced me to confront exactly what I wanted to do with my life. He took a job as a doorman at the newly opened Comedy Corner in West Palm Beach. It was the lowest paying but most valuable job he ever had. It provided him with a complete comedy education watching acts such as Jerry Seinfeld, Dennis Miller and Bill Hicks. It was not long before Tom made his stage debut. Within two years he was working full time as a comedian. Since then Tom Ryan has worked steadily at comedy clubs, concert venues, corporate functions and colleges across the U.S. In addition to his Letterman appearances, he has also been featured on Showtime, A&E, Comedy Central and NBC. He has performed as the opening act in concert for B.B. King, Natalie Cole, Jeff Beck, Earth, Wind and Fire, Aretha Franklin, Tim Allen, Steven Wright, Jerry Seinfeld, and Dennis Miller just to name a few. His original style makes it eas...

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☐ Your piece on salt was really funny and struck a chord since I'm in my 32nd year with Morton Salt.

- Manager, Education and Development, North America Morton Salt Company.

☐ "Your ability to create good, clean material along with your impeccable timing for delivery sets you apart as a performer."

- Director of Marketing, Hewlett-Packard Central Region.