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## Comedian Mike Epps returns to SMG-managed Van Andel Arena® on November 10 Tickets to see the side-splitting comic go on sale Friday, July 14 at 12 PM

**Grand Rapids**—<u>Mike Epps</u> is generating an extraordinary amount of buzz among his peers for being not only one of the funniest comic actors today, but also for his burgeoning dramatic talent. For one night only, Epps will perform in Grand Rapids at <u>Van Andel Arena</u> on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 8:00 PM with special guests Bruce Bruce and Earthquake.

**Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Friday, July 14 at 12:00 PM**. Ticket prices are \$52, \$60, and \$77.50 and will be available at the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place® box offices, online at <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>, and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. All prices will increase \$3 the day of the show. Prices and artist lineup are subject to change.

Known for his hilarious roles in films such as *How High*, *Next Friday*, *Friday After Next*, and The *Hangover* among others, Epps riffs on pop culture and current events during his gut-busting standup act.

Epps can also be seen in the Starz original series "Survivor's Remorse" produced by Lebron James and Mike O'Malley, which earned him a 2016 NAACP Image Award for "Best Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series" for his role as Uncle Julius. He will be portraying the late comedian Richard Pryor in an upcoming biopic film called "Pryor" about the legendary comic, co-starring Oprah Winfrey, Eddie Murphy and Kate Hudson. Epps also appeared in the HBO Emmy-winning biopic "Bessie" based on Bessie Smith, and he is currently developing the script "Any Means Necessary" for Sony Pictures with producer Neal Moritz that will see Mike starring opposite Marlon Wayans.

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