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## COMEDIAN JO KOY TO BRING JUST KIDDING WORLD TOUR TO PEORIA CIVIC CENTER THEATER ON SEPTEMBER 9

PEORIA – Due to overwhelming demand, Comedian Jo Koy will bring his *Just Kidding World Tour* to Peoria Civic Center Theater on September 9, 2021. Pre-sale will begin Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and tickets go on-sale Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Ticketmaster.com

As one of today's premiere stand-up comics Jo Koy has come a long way from his modest beginnings performing at a Las Vegas coffee house. The hugely relatable comic pulls inspiration from his family, specifically his son.

In 2020, Koy kicked off the tour with a bang with four sold-out shows and selling over 25,000 tickets at both the Chase Center in San Francisco and The Forum in Los Angeles. He continues selling-out and breaking records at some of the most prestigious venues around the world including Mall of Asia Arena (Manila, PH), Coca-Cola Arena (Dubai), ICC Theatre (Sydney, AU), and Radio City Music Hall (New York City).

In March, the comedian released his first autobiography, *Mixed Plate* with Harper Collins Publishers. In this funny and moving memoir, Koy uncovers the stories behind his stand-up: the conflict, the drama, and the laughter as he struggles to find his place in the entertainment industry, a country and the world.

This spring Koy will shoot the Amblin Partners and Dan Lin's Ridback comedy film, *Easter Sunday*. The feature film will be based on Koy's life experiences and will be set around a family gathering to celebrate Easter Sunday.

The comedian has had five highly-rated and successful stand-up specials on Comedy Central and Netflix including his latest variety special *In His Element* current streaming on Netflix with plans to shoot his 3<sup>rd</sup> stand-up special in 2022. He can also be heard on his weekly podcast, *The Koy Pond with Jo Koy* by Starburns Audio.



In 2018, Koy was given the prestigious “Stand-Up Comedian Of The Year” award at the Just For Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal. In 2019, the comedian reached #1 on the Billboard Charts for his stand-up comedy album, *Live From Seattle*.

Koy has appeared on over 140 episodes of *Chelsea Lately* as a season regular roundtable guest. Other appearances include: *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *The Late Late Show with James Corden*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Last Call with Carson Daly*, *Lights Out with David Spade*, *@Midnight with Chris Hardwick*, *Today with Hoda & Jenna*, *GMA3: Strahan, Sara & Keke*, *Larry King Now*, *Beat Bobby Flay*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Celebrity Page TV*, *World’s Funniest Fails* and *Sean In The Wild*.

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## **ALTON BROWN ANNOUNCES NORTH AMERICAN TOUR *BEYOND THE EATS COMING TO PEORIA ON MARCH 24, 2022***

PEORIA – Television personality, author and Food Network star Alton Brown has announced “Alton Brown Live – Beyond The Eats” ([www.altonbrownlive.com](http://www.altonbrownlive.com)) will visit the **Peoria Civic Center Theater** on **March 24, 2022**. Brown created a new form of entertainment – the live culinary variety show – with his “Edible Inevitable Tour” and “Eat Your Science,” which played in over 200 cities with more than 350,000 fans in attendance. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 30 and are available for purchase at Ticketmaster.com.

Brown says fans can expect “more cooking, more comedy, more music and more potentially dangerous science stuff.” Critics and fans have raved about the interactive components of Brown’s shows. He warns “Prepare for an evening unlike any other and if I call for volunteers... think twice.”

Brown has a knack for mixing together science, music and food into two hours of pure entertainment. “Plus, you’ll see things I’ve never been allowed to do on TV.”

Alton Brown has been on the Food Network for over 20 years and is best known as the creator, writer and host of Good Eats, Good Eats: Reloaded, and Good Eats: The Return. He also hosted Cutthroat Kitchen and served as the culinary commentator on Iron Chef America. There are two James Beard awards with Brown’s name on them in a drawer in his office, and somewhere in the world there’s a coveted Peabody awarded for Good Eats that was stolen out of his car back in 2013. In his spare time, he’s working on his ninth book on food and cooking.

Information about Alton Brown or the Beyond The Eats tour can be found on Facebook: /altonbrown; Twitter: @altonbrown; Instagram: @altonbrown; or use the tour hashtag #AltonBrownLive.

Those with an appetite for more Alton Brown can find additional show and ticketing information at [www.altonbrownlive.com](http://www.altonbrownlive.com).

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