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@ComedyBangBangPodcast (Facebook)/@ComedyBangBangWorld (Instagram), with @ScottAukerman (Facebook/Instagram) and @PFTompkins (Instagram) bring their wildly unpredictable, character-driven comedy to the Miller Theater on 6/25 for the “Ground Beefing Tour 2026”, presented by @EnsembleArtsPhilly (Facebook/Instagram) in association with @LiveNation (Facebook/Instagram). Expect celebrity guests, off-the-wall improv, and a live show where anything can happen. For more info, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

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ENSEMBLE ARTS PHILLY, IN ASSOCIATION WITH LIVE NATION, PRESENTS PODCAST MAINSTAY *COMEDY BANG! BANG! AND THE GROUND BEEFING TOUR* FOR A NIGHT OF IMPROVISED COMEDY AND SURPRISE GUESTS, JUNE 25, 2026

**“... the ‘SNL’ of podcasts”
– *Los Angeles Times***

**“You’ll only need to listen to one episode to understand why this podcast has
been rated among the best comedy podcasts for two decades.”
– *Reader’s Digest***

**“... the long-running comedy podcast has revolutionized not just the medium, but
our expectations of it.”
– *Wired***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (May 18, 2026) – Ensemble Arts Philly, in association with Live Nation, presents the groundbreaking podcast mainstay ***Comedy Bang! Bang! Ground Beefing Tour 2026*** at the Miller Theater on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. Host Scott Aukerman, Paul F. Tompkins, and a rotating cast of characters will bring “humanity’s podcast” to life onstage with a fully improvised show where no two performances are ever the same.

Comedy Bang! Bang! blends celebrity interviews with spontaneous, character-driven comedy. Featuring guests like Jon Hamm, Bob Odenkirk, Tatiana Maslany, and Allison Williams, the show’s anything-goes format invites an unpredictable mix of humor, games, and surprise appearances. Now in its 16th year, the podcast has expanded into multiple spin-offs, a *New York Times* bestselling book, and a television series on IFC.

Scott Aukerman began his comedy career as a writer and performer on HBO’s *Mr. Show with Bob and David*. In 2009, he debuted a comedy radio show featuring real-life guests and improvised characters, which is now called *Comedy Bang! Bang!*. In 2010, he co-founded the Earwolf Podcast Network. In 2012, he started a television series based upon his *Comedy Bang! Bang!* podcast, which completed five seasons on IFC. Aukerman co-created and directs the Funny or Die series *Between Two Ferns* with Zach Galifianakis, for which he has won two Emmy Awards. His other credits include executive producer of the reality spoof series *Bajillion Dollar Properties* and the sitcom *Take My Wife*, both now streaming on Seeso. He also executive produced and co-directed *Michael Bolton’s Big, Sexy Valentine’s Day Special* streaming now on Netflix.

Paul F. Tompkins is a comedian, actor, and writer known for his sharp improvisation and wide-ranging character work. He is a frequent collaborator on *Comedy Bang! Bang!* where his fan-favorite characters have become a cornerstone of the show’s live and recorded episodes. Tompkins is also widely recognized for voicing Mr. Peanutbutter on Netflix’s *BoJack Horseman* and for his appearances on series including *Mr. Show with Bob and David*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and *Best Week Ever*. An accomplished live performer, he has appeared in comedy specials, hosted podcasts including *Spontaneanation* and *The Neighborhood Listen*, and continues to tour nationally with improv and stand-up performances.

“As the region’s leading presenter of live performing arts, Ensemble Arts Philly is committed to offering a wide range of experiences that engage and connect audiences,” said Frances Egler, Vice President of Theatrical Programming and Presentations. “*Comedy Bang Bang!* is a standout example of inventive, collaborative performance, and we are excited to welcome this beloved podcast and its devoted fan base back to the Miller Theater for a unique, live experience.”

Other featured upcoming performances include ***The Outsiders*** (May 26–June 7, 2026, Academy of Music); ***Airplane! Live with Julie Hagerty and Robert Hays*** (May 30, 2026, Miller Theater); ***Drag Me to BINGO*** (June 5, 2026, Perelman Theater inside the Kimmel Center); ***Clue: A Walking Mystery*** (June 11–July 5, 2026), ***THE RESET with Davin Youngs*** (June 27, 2026); ***The Notebook*** (July 21–August 8, 2026); ***Herbie Hancock*** (July 29, 2026); and more.

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ensembleartsphilly.org, by calling 215-893-1999, or in person at the Academy of Music Box Office (240 S. Broad Street) daily from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. For more information, visit www.ensembleartsphilly.org.

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Miller Theater
Thursday, June 25, 2026
8:00 p.m.

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