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Comedians Stand Up for Immigrant Rights

Sheng Weng, Chris Garcia, Negin Farsad, Beth Stelling featured in May 2nd Comedy Night for Immigrant Rights

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Comedy Night for Immigrant Rights: The 8th annual benefit for Immigration Institute of the Bay Area. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2. General Admission: \$50-\$75 Premiere level: \$200 (wine and food reception, VIP seating). Presidio Theatre, 99 Moraga Ave., S.F. (415) 960-3949. [Ticket purchase link.](#)

SAN FRANCISCO – Comedians will be standing up for immigrant rights at the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area’s 8th Annual Comedy Night on May 2nd at the Presidio Theatre.

The unforgettable evening of laughter and community will feature comics: Taiwanese-American **Sheng Weng**, best known for his Netflix special “Sweet and Juicy,” HBO’s “2 Dope Queens” and as writer for ABC show “Fresh Off the Boat”; **Beth Stelling**, of the critically acclaimed Netflix special, “If You Didn’t Want Me Then,” American-born son of Cuban immigrants **Chris Garcia** of “Shattered,” – named best



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podcast of the year by Time Magazine; and **Negin Farsad**, author of “How to Make White People Laugh,” and star of HBO Max’s “Birdgirl”.

All event proceeds directly support high-quality, affordable legal services for vulnerable immigrant families in the Bay Area.

What’s so funny about immigration?

“Comedy is a great way to bring people together to discuss things that might otherwise be dull and boring,” said Egyptian comedian, Bassem Youssef, who hosted last year’s event. “It allows you to put your guard down to discuss things without tension or being angry at each other.”

About the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area

Since 1918, the IIBA has welcomed and protected immigrants throughout our country’s ever-changing immigration policies. IIBA’s presence has since grown to 7 offices in 6 Bay Area counties, supporting over 10,000 vulnerable members in our community every year.

“It’s critical that all people have a trustworthy place to go and receive quality legal services at low-cost or even no-cost,” said IIBA Executive Director **Ellen Dumesnil**.

For full program details: iibayarea.org/comedynight2024/

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