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**RIVER ROCK CASINO RESORT
PRESENTS**

WANDA SYKES

**LIVE AT THE RIVER ROCK SHOW THEATRE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Richmond, BC – Wanda Sykes has been called “one of the funniest stand-up comics” by her peers and ranks among Entertainment Weekly’s “25 Funniest People in America.” Her smart-witted style has sent her career in many different areas. Born in Portsmouth, Virginia and raised in Maryland, Sykes graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University. Her stand-up career began in 1987 at a Coors Light Super Talent Showcase in Washington, DC where she performed for the first time in front of a live audience. She continued to hone her talents at local venues while working as a procurement officer at the National Security Agency before moving to New York in the early 90’s.

Her big break came in 1997 when Sykes was hired to join HBO’s critically acclaimed *The Chris Rock Show*. As a performer and writer on the show, she won an Emmy for “Outstanding Writer for a Variety, Music or Comedy Special.” In 2003, she starred in her own sitcom, FOX’s *Wanda at Large* which she also wrote and produced. At the same time, she had her own Comedy Central special titled *Wanda Sykes: Tongue Untied* and was heard as the voice of “Gladys Murphy” on Comedy Central’s *Crank Yankers*. A year later, she produced and starred in Comedy Central’s *Wanda Does It* where she tried various non-showbiz jobs.

Sykes’ film credits include *Monster-In-Law* (2005) with Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda, *My Super Ex-Girlfriend* (2006) with Uma Thurman and Luke Wilson and *Evan Almighty* (2007) with Steve Carell and Morgan Freeman. Currently she can be seen on CBS’s hit sitcom, *The New Adventures of Old Christine* where she plays the role of “Barb.” And just last month, she was selected as the entertainer for the annual White House Correspondents’ Association dinner in Washington which will be held this May. Sykes will be returning to the River Rock Casino Resort for one show only in September.

TICKETS ON SALE THURSDAY, MARCH 5 @ 10:00 AM

DOORS: 7:00 PM SHOW: 8:00 PM

Tickets: Reg. \$49.50 & Golden Circle \$59.50 (+ Service Charge & Facility Fee)

Tickets available at all Ticketmaster Outlets or charge-by-phone (604) 280-4444 or order on-line at www.ticketmaster.ca

Ages 19 years and over

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