

For Laughing Out Loud (LOL)

OLLI at UNLV
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 Tuesdays 12:45-2:15 PM
 MAB2 Hybrid
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We will look at Humor, comedy through the ages - written, spoken, acted, sung and otherwise?

Format: Pass the mic, coffee/tea and nature break. If needed or just go whenever
 Watch clips and discuss
 (Not in that order)
 No homework
 If you would like to present, perform, etc
 You are more than welcome...
 Let's talk!

Disclaimer: some of the humor may have adult language however I will try to give advance notice and content warnings.

Andrew Hall is among the younger of OLLI members, a puppy a junior of seniority... he has taken classes with Second City and tried his hand at stand-up but crickets lured him over to poetry readings. He was an adjunct instructor of English at UNLV and a few other places and a high school English teacher in CCSD. He is the product of a Jewish New Yorker and a Texan. L'chaim y'all!

Tentative schedule (always subject to change, we will probably jump around a lot). We also take requests!

2/3 and 2/10 50s and before	Slowly I Turned Mark Twain Tonight Who's on first? Groucho Cantinflas Chaplin Bob Hope Mort Sahl-political science Lucille Ball Jack Benny Steve Allen
Week 2 golden age continued 2/17 60s	George Carlin Don Rickles Lenny Bruce Gilligans Island Peter Sellers The Producers Political Science Mort Sahl Laugh In Smothers Bros

2/24 70s	Andy Kaufman Monty Python SNL MASH Blazing Saddles Albert Brooks Steve Martin
3/3 80s	Cheers Eddie Murphy Robin Williams Golden Girls Spinal Tap Planes Trains and automobiles Stephen Wright Paula Poundstone Whoopi
3/10 90s to present	Frazier, Seinfeld Groundhog Day Chris Rock Dumb and Dumber Waiting for Guffman Best in Show Friends
3/24 2000s	Will Ferrell, Amy Pohler, Tina Fey Chappelle, Idiocracy, A Mighty Wind, Arrested Development, Big Bang Theory
4/3 10s	Key and Peele Good Place, Schitt's Creek
4/17 Week 10	Best of class/ encores Things we missed? Any requests

Other greats:

I will provide a few links to materials of "canceled"

Comedians...

Cosby Bill

Woody allen,

Louis CK

Others?

Some terminology:

Verbal irony

Satire

Double take

Callback

Slapstick

Profanity

Wit

Scatological

Pun

Exaggeration

Understatement

Absurdity

Parody

Taboo

Set up

Punchline

Mistranslation

Misunderstanding

Situational humor