



HUMAN COMEDY

Tolovana Arts Colony launches Cannon Beach Comedy Festival

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Susan Rice, a veteran of 34 years of stand-up and Willamette Week's 2015 pick as Portland's Funniest Person, is coming to the coast for a night of comedy at the Tolovana Arts Colony.

Rice is headlining the Cannon Beach Comedy Festival at 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Tolovana Hall.

The show also features fellow PDX comedians Don Frost and Christian Ricketts.

Rice's comedy comes from mundane experience, keenly observed: a trip to Walmart, a ride on a TriMet bus, navigating Facebook.

She's warm and unassuming, like a favorite aunt. Vulnerable and tough and clever. And has made the requisite appearance on "Portlandia."

"I had the funniest parents in the world," she

said. "I grew up at the kitchen table laughing at our family's stories."

After decades of experience, Rice has mastered the art of reading her audience. "You have to step in front of strangers and connect with them. You have to be quick. You have to think on your feet," she said.

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