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## TWO LAUGH-OUT-LOUD COMEDY SHOWS HEADING FOR CHARLOTTE

**WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY**  
*Knight Theater – September 25, 2010*

**MIKE BIRBIGLIA**  
*Knight Theater – November 5, 2010*

### **TICKETS ON SALE NOW.**

Charlotte, NC – Stars of the Emmy®-nominated television show, *Whose Line is it Anyway*, bring their improvisational skills to the Knight Theater with the touring show, *Whose Live Anyway*, on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m. Also this fall, comedian MIKE BIRBIGLIA will present his “Painfully True Stories” tour on Friday, Nov. 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Knight Theater.

Tickets for both shows are on sale now and can be purchased online at [BlumenthalCenter.org](http://BlumenthalCenter.org), by phone at 704-372-1000 or from the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Box Office located in the Tryon Street lobby of the Belk Theater.

*Whose Live Anyway* performs some of the games made famous from the Emmy Nominated TV show *Whose Line is It Anyway* with 90 minutes of hilarious improvised comedy and song all based on audience suggestions. Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops, Chip Esten and Jeff B. Davis leave their audiences gasping with the very witty scenes they invent before your eyes. Audience participation is the key to the show so bring your suggestions and you might be asked to join the cast onstage. It's a night of unforgettably funny interactive comedy!

Also this fall, comedian Mike Birbiglia celebrates the release of his first book, “Sleepwalk With Me And Other Painfully True Stories.” Over the past 10 years, Mike Birbiglia’s name has become synonymous with smart, comedic storytelling. Mike reached new heights in 2009, when his off-Broadway show, *Sleepwalk With Me*, became a critical and commercial success. The *New York Times* called it “simply perfect,” and *Time Out New York* named it “Comedy of the Year.” A favorite on *Comedy Central*, Mike has three stand-up specials, including his critically acclaimed one-hour special, *What I Should Have Said Was Nothing*. A regular contributor to *The Bob & Tom Radio Show* and *This American Life* on Public Radio International, Mike has also appeared on *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, *The View*, and *The Late Show with David Letterman*. In 2009, The Onion AV Club named Mike’s Comedy Central Records release *My Secret Public Journal Live* one of the “Best Comedy Albums of the Decade.” The *Boston Globe* has called Birbiglia’s storytelling, “as honest as any Richard Pryor confession, and as engaging and inclusive as an old Bill Cosby record.”

### **CALENDAR LISTING – WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY**

**Saturday, September 25, 2010 – Charlotte, NC**

**Presenter:** The Comedy Zone & Blumenthal PAC

**Program:** WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY

**Location /Address /Time:** Knight Theater 430 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, Saturday, September 25, 201, at 7:00 p.m.

**Ticket prices:** begin at \$34.50. Tickets are on sale now.

**Phone number / url:** 704-372-1000 / [www.BlumenthalCenter.org](http://www.BlumenthalCenter.org)

**CALENDAR LISTING – MIKE BIRBIGLIA**

**Friday, November 5, 2010 – Charlotte, NC**

**Presenter:** The Comedy Zone & Blumenthal PAC

**Program:** MIKE BIRBIGLIA

**Location /Address /Time:** Knight Theater 430 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, Friday, November 5, 2010, at 8:00 p.m.

**Ticket prices:** begin at \$34.50. Tickets are on sale now.

**Phone number / url:** 704-372-1000 / [www.BlumenthalCenter.org](http://www.BlumenthalCenter.org)

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