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A Night with Artie Lange

Friday, October 9 at 8 p.m.



Critic's Pick

SERIOUS CAUSE FOR GUFFAWS

by Megan O'Neil

Our usual notices about comedy shows don't generally start with something as serious as paralysis. But this one does! See, about 10 years ago, a local guy named Adam Niskar accidentally dove into very shallow water at a party. He has been paralyzed ever since. And his family started the Friends for Adam Niskar trust, as a way to help with the sizable and ongoing medical expenses. But recently, Adam's brother Ross was reading funnyman Artie Lange's *Too Fat to Fish*, and learned that the comic's father also suffered from paralysis. After writing Lange to see if he'd be willing to perform free for a fundraiser for the trust, the Howard Stern sidekick agreed. Not only will this help the Niskar family, it's cause for smiles and laughter for everyone — especially if Lange repeats his infamous "doing coke dressed as a giant pig" story. Interest piqued? Buy a ticket! At 8 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit; 313-961-3500; \$30-\$60 ; afterparty at Small Plates, 1521 Broadway, Detroit.