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Brotherly love stands behind the Young American Comedy Tour

October 28, 2009, Detroit, MICHIGAN – For Los Angeles-based comedian and Southfield native Mike Young performing in Detroit next month marks a true homecoming.

First, he will open for comedian Bob Saget, Nov. 14 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Then, on the biggest bar night of the year, Mike will present his Young American Comedy Tour 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at City Theater inside Detroit's Hockeytown Café at 2301 Woodward Ave. He will be joined by J. Chris Newberg with music by DJ Bam and featuring an appearance by Mr. Skin (*WRIF*).

What audiences won't see from their seats, though, is a driving force behind the show – Mike's brother Robert Young. Robert, a Commerce Township resident, has always been Mike's biggest fan. When times were tough and Mike was just starting his career in Los Angeles, it was Robert who cheered him on. And today, Robert serves as executive producer of the Young American Comedy Tour.

The Young brothers have always had a close relationship. When their father died suddenly of cancer, Robert left college to take over the family business – a scrap metal company called Young Iron & Metal – which allowed Mike to finish out his senior year at the University of Arizona.

Ten years ago Robert started his own business, Young & Sons Insurance Reconstruction Specialists, based in Farmington Hills. He offers 24-hour emergency service to anyone experiencing fire, wind, water or mold damage at a home or business. Robert's friendly demeanor and understanding nature makes his clientele feel at ease at a very difficult time in their lives.

That's a quality Mike and Robert have in common. While Robert reaches out to help people in their time of need with a service he calls "The Conscientious Contractor," Mike aims to reach people through their funny bones. "We're almost in the same business," said Robert, "except he's in the business of soul restoration."

Robert lends his entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen his brother Mike as the entertainment projects continue to grow. Though there's nothing Mike loves more than performing stand-up, he is more than a comedian. He has forged relationships with some of Hollywood's heavy-hitters, from *Spiderman's* Tobey Maguire to *Entourage* creator Doug Ellin and star Kevin Connolly. "Mike Young is by far one of the best comics I've seen in a long time," said Ellin. "His material is dead on when it comes to subjects like friends, family and relationships."

Mike is currently working on multiple TV and film projects, including a sit-com executive-produced by Vince Vaughn that he describes as *30 Rock-meets-Funny Or Die*. He sold a show called *Forever Young* to ABC and has written a full-length feature film titled *Right Angle*, which is based on the life of his longtime friend Beverly Hills Mich. resident Adam Niskar, who became paralyzed after diving into a lake 10 years ago. The movie, produced by Camelot Pictures, will be filmed in Michigan. Young said casting has just begun for *Right Angle*, a story he calls "Juno in a wheelchair" because it blends unlikely humor with a tragic situation.

Often found behind-the-scenes, Robert Young said: "There isn't anything I wouldn't do for my brother. This is my brother's career. But for me, it's a labor of love. The Young American Comedy Tour is one way we can reach people and impact their lives in a positive way."

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