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“WAFC Announces Emmy award winning comedian, Dana Carvey, as the 2017 Annual Convention Banquet Entertainment”



Lakewood, CA - The Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) is pleased to announce that Dana Carvey will be the Tuesday evening banquet entertainment at the 96th Annual “Advancing the Food Industry Through Education and Leadership” WAFC Convention to be held May 6-10, 2017 at the JW Marriott Desert Springs in Palm Desert, California.

While a student at San Francisco State University, Dana Carvey won the San Francisco Stand-Up Comedy Competition. After his graduation (with a degree in communication arts), he played at numerous clubs in the Bay Area and then moved to Los Angeles in 1981 to pursue his career. A repertory member of “Saturday Night Live” since the 1986-87 season, Carvey left in 1992 after seven seasons. Carvey is best known for his characters the *Church Lady*; *Hans*, of the Hans and Franz body

building duo; *Garth*, Wayne Campbell’s (Mike Myers) ‘Excellent Co-Host’ on the immensely popular sketch ‘Wayne’s World,’ and Weekend Updates *Grumpy Old Man*. In addition to these characters, Dana has received widespread praise for his uncanny comedic impersonations of such political figures as Ex-President George Bush, H. Ross Perot, Jerry Brown, David Duke and Bob Dole. He also does impersonations of George Burns, Johnny Carson, Jimmy Stewart, John McLaughlin, Andy Rooney, Casey Casem, and Regis Philbin. Carvey won an Emmy Award in 1993 for Outstanding Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program. He has received a total of six Emmy nominations one of which was for a guest appearance on HBO’s highly acclaimed “*LARRY SANDERS SHOW*.” Also, he was honored with The American Comedy Award as Television’s Funniest Supporting Male in 1990 and 1991.

“The WAFC annual conference offers a unique blend of sessions, business meetings, and social events allowing retailers and manufacturers a great environment to collaborate on growing the business while continuing the mission of WAFC to advance the food industry through education and leadership. Dana Carvey will provide the finishing touch to a fantastic conference with his comedy.” stated Kevin Curry, WAFC president & chairman and Sr. Vice President, Sales, Merchandising and Distribution of Raley’s.

Established in 1921, the WAFC is focused on providing educational opportunities for food industry associates. The highly acclaimed Food Industry Management Program at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business has been available to qualified industry participants for 58 years. In 2000, the WAFC expanded its scope by working with community colleges throughout the Western United States to establish the “Retail Management Certificate Program.” The Retail Management Certificate Program curriculum is currently available at 150 college and satellite locations in the west and online nationally.

To learn more about the WAFC, go to www.wafc.com.