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## ***WAFC Announces Award Winning Comedian “Kathleen Madigan” 2012 Annual Convention Banquet Entertainment***

**Lakewood, CA** - The Western Association of Food Chains (WAFC) is pleased to announce that Kathleen Madigan will be performing at the Western Association of Food Chains annual banquet to close its 91st Convention which will be held April 21-25, 2012 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona.

“The 2011 WAFC was the first time in our 90 year history to feature a comedian at our annual dinner” said WAFC president & chairman, Lynn Gust of Fred Meyer Stores. “The results from delegates surveyed, indicated that over 68% preferred a comic to any other form of entertainment and we’re excited to have Kathleen wrap up our event next year!”

Kathleen Madigan, in her 22 year career has never been hotter. With her new Showtime special, “Gone Madigan,” in constant rotation and the DVD-CD of the special topping the Amazon and iTunes charts, Madigan has the entire year booked with over 100 theater gigs across the country and numerous television appearances.



Kathleen Madigan

Madigan has won the American Comedy Award for “Best Female Comedian” and the Phyllis Diller award for “Best Female Comedian” and remains the only comedian in the history of NBC’s “Last Comic Standing” to go unchallenged by any other comedian - Meaning no other comedian would say they were funnier than her.

*Established in 1921, the Western Association of Food Chains is a non-profit organization comprised of retailers and wholesalers in the 14 Western States representing over 7,500 supermarkets and 200 billion dollars in annual sales. The WAFC’s primary mission is education, which is made possible with scholarship donations of industry suppliers and individuals, as well as, staging an annual convention each spring.*

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