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## **JEFF DUNHAM TO PERFORM AT THIS YEAR'S SIOUX EMPIRE FAIR AUGUST 11-16, 2009**



**SIOUX FALLS, SD** – It all started in the comedy clubs that **Jeff Dunham** relentlessly toured for years, renewing a lost art that he has taken to new levels of finesse and technique with hilarious results. Frequent guest appearances on “The Tonight Show” and “Late Night with David Letterman” as well as a host of other TV programs also primed the pump. But what has been instrumental in launching **Dunham** to record new levels of comedy success over the last two years has been the strong bond he has forged with his fans, who not just eagerly await and consume his latest multimedia offerings but avidly tout them to family, friends as well as the world at large on the Internet.

It's all because **Jeff Dunham** is not just one of the funniest humans on the planet but the ringleader of a cast of comedic characters of his own creation like Walter the grumpy retiree; the beer-swilling, NASCAR loving and resolutely redneck Bubba J; the furry and manic Peanut; Jose Jalepeño, the spicy pepper from south of the border; and the bumbling skeletal Achmed the Dead Terrorist. Taking his cues from the stuff of everyday life, people he and we all know and the world around us, **Dunham** invests his suitcase posse of sidekicks with such believable and lovable personality as they banter, quip and interact that audiences frequently forget that the characters are crafted by **Dunham's** own hand and comedic brilliance.

The Dallas Morning News declares **Dunham** “easily one of the funniest stand-up comics alive” and Slate.com hails him as “the country's most popular stand-up comedian.” And when his fellow comic and friend Jay Leno says, “**Jeff Dunham** really is the best there is,” it's no understatement indeed.

Don't miss the comedic genius of **Jeff Dunham** who will perform at the **Sioux Empire Fair on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information on **Jeff Dunham** please visit [www.jeffdunham.com](http://www.jeffdunham.com).

Please visit our website at [www.SiouxEmpireFair.com](http://www.SiouxEmpireFair.com) for more information about the fair.

*In 1938, Mrs. Winona A. Lyon deeded to Minnehaha County 49.57 acres of land on the west side of the Sioux River for use as a fairground, subject to rigid "exceptions, reservations, restrictions and limitations". Under the terms of the gift, the*

*grounds must be designated as the "William H. Lyon Fair Grounds" and shall be maintained, managed and controlled by the county Commissioners and their successors in office, for use of the public as a County Fair Grounds, wherein generally specified displays of farm produce, livestock and crafts could be exhibited, and 4-H Clubs and Home Extension work could be demonstrated. Provision is also made for the entertainment of the public with amusements of various kinds.*

*The first fairs held on this fairground were in 1938-39. In 1940, the Sioux Empire Fair Association, Inc., was organized and took over the grounds on a lease from the county. The fair of that year was conducted on a much larger scale and included additional features such as horse racing, outdoor pageants, comedies and plays.*