
Second City cooks up comedy for George Wendt's roast

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George Wendt and Jason Sudeikis.

On Sept. 9, Second City alumni and friends of George Wendt walked a red carpet before a planned comedic roasting of the actor at 230 W. North Ave. Titled I Can't Believe They Wendt There the evening's proceeds benefited Gilda's Club of Chicago and The Second City Alumni Fund.

Several of the stars stopped to chat with Windy City Times about their careers before the event.

Wendt talked about starting in a new musical currently called Rock and Roll Man: The Alan Freed Story at Bucks County Playhouse in Pennsylvania. It is about the radio DJ who influenced music, with Wendt playing FBI head J. Edgar Hoover, who runs him out of town.

Actor Jason Sudeikis—who is also Wendt's nephew—was the roastmaster of the evening, and spoke of loving sketch comedy in Chicago.