Comedians & Hosts

Leighann Lord & Ian Harris

Both Leighann Lord and Ian Harris are nationally touring comedians and hosts with over 50 combined years of stage time and dozens of television credits between them. For nearly a decade they both have been staples in the science, skepticism and secular scene, hosting and performing individually and together at all of the top Cons: CSICon, DragonCon, SkeptiCon, Reason Rally, American, Atheists, American Humanists Association, CFI Summit, Atheists United, to name a few.

Harris and Lord have been performing annually at DragonCon since 2014, where in 2019 they debuted their new show “Science and Fiction Comedy Show,” on the main stage. The “Science and Fiction Comedy Show” brings together a hilarious mix of Con material, nerd-dom, atheism, skepticism and science. The duo continue to be asked back perhaps making the show an annual staple of DragonCon.

Harris and Lord are combining their hosting and entertaining skills to revolutionize conference/convention experiences where nerds, science geeks, critical thinkers, and secular activists meet.

DR. LEIGHANN LORD (VeryFunnyLady.com) is a veteran stand-up comedian and the author of Dict Jokes and Real Women Do It Standing Up. She is the creator of the People with Parents podcast and has been a co-host on StarTalkRadio with Neil deGrasse Tyson. She has appeared on Comedy Central, HBO, The View, and Netflix's Def Comedy Jam 25th Anniversary Special. Leighann was also one of the five national finalists in the HBO 2018 ABFF Comedy Wings Competition, and is the recipient of the 2019 Humanist Arts Award from the American Humanist Association. Leighann is also a proud member of House Ravenclaw (with a dash of Slytherin).

IAN HARRIS brings a fascinating and funny mix of spot-on impressions and clever cutting-edge comedy that has landed him coveted appearances on Jimmy Kimmel LIVE! and Comedy Central as well as TWO one-hour TV specials — *Critical & Thinking* which AXS TV called "A truly masterful hour of wit, humor and derisive jabbing," & *ExtraOrdinary* of which Arizona Daily Sun said, “There are not too many humorists who provoke their entire audience to think, but somehow Harris is capable of doing just that.” His keen grasp of science, evidenced by his satirical, skeptical take on everything from religion to global warming-deniers and beyond. Though his cerebral and often risky style of comedy has earned him comparisons to favorite thinking-man's comics like Lenny Bruce, Bill Maher and George Carlin, Ian uses his unique point of view and an impressive array of comedic talents to deliver a thought provoking style of stand-up all his own.

Praise for

Leighann Lord

“She is charming, acutely observant, wickedly disarming, and, most importantly, funny as hell.”
Mel Watkins, critic and author of “On the Real Side: The History of African American Humor”

"Thank you Leighann. You are a brilliant comedian and student of life.”
Bellvue Hospital Center

“Everyone here is still raving about your performance! You were fantastic!”
Federal Drug Administration

"I loved your act, so funny yet so simple, elegant and classy.”
Executive Director,
Mutual Housing Association of South Central C**T**

"Leighann was the warmest and most thoughtful panel moderators we've ever seen"
Center for Inquiry - NYC

"Leighann Lord was the penultimate MC, and I think added more to the event than I ever thought possible. All the feedback I heard from the audience was unanimously positive. I am really looking forward to next year.”
Northeast Conference on Science & Skepticism

Praise for

Ian Harris

"I very much enjoyed your skeptical and very effective assault on unreason."
James “The Amazing” Randi

“There are not too many humorists who provoke their entire audience to think, but somehow Harris is capable of doing just that.”
Peyton Gottschalk, Arizona Daily Sun

“Ian Harris is most certainly on the fast track to going down in history as a dynamic and thought-provoking comedian. Not only is “Critical & Thinking” funny, but it also challenges you to change the way you think about things with complexity. A truly masterful hour of wit, humor and derisive jabbing.
Joseph Cirilo, AXS TV

“...hilarious and irreverent! A secular hero for free speech.”
Felicia Davis,
Atheist Alliance of America Convention

“Smashing political correctness and New Age idiocy with his tools of the trade: Occam’s Razor, skepticism, and a keen eye for absurdity. Ian’s skeptical wit skewers everything from racism, alternative medicine, Big Pharma conspiracies, astrology, ghost hunter illogic, lonely Bigfoot, and half-baked Christian theology. His shows make skeptics and open-minded people laugh, and believers cringe while laughing.”
Benjamin Radford
CSI Research Fellow, and deputy editor Skeptical Inquirer science magazine

"Ian Harris is hilarious! No other atheist comedian has greater wit, charm, and ability to showcase the funny side of skepticism."
Maggie Ardiente, American Humanist Association

Options

• Hosting

Leighann and Ian will co-host your event. Introduce your panels, your speakers, your Con events. Options include together or alternating,

• Comedy Show

A 60-90 minute comedy show featuring comedy from both Leighann and Ian, with the option of a 2 person post show, Q&A with the audience.

• Panels

Ian and Leighann will participate in, or moderate panel discussions - add a new perspective, add a comedic element to any topic.

• All Three

Just like it says. The ultimate Leighann and Ian experience. They will host your event, perform their comedy show and participate in panels.

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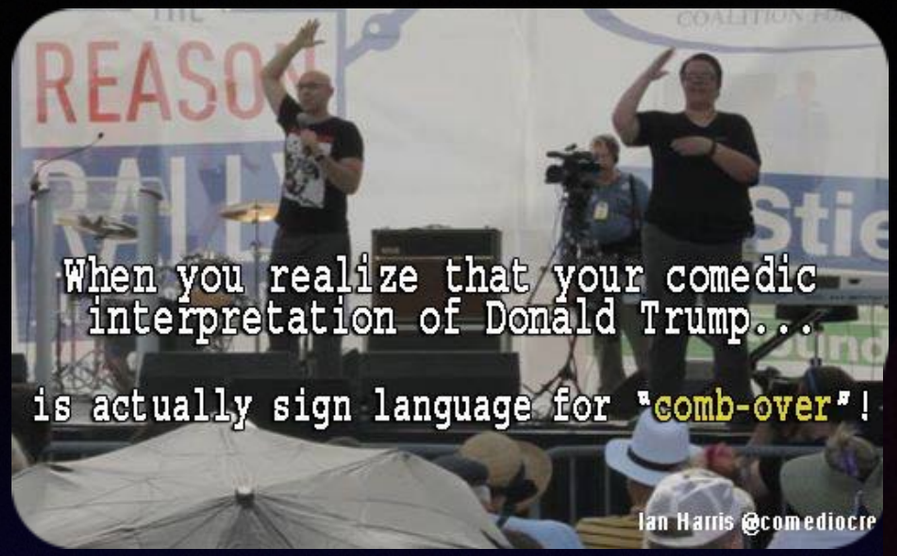
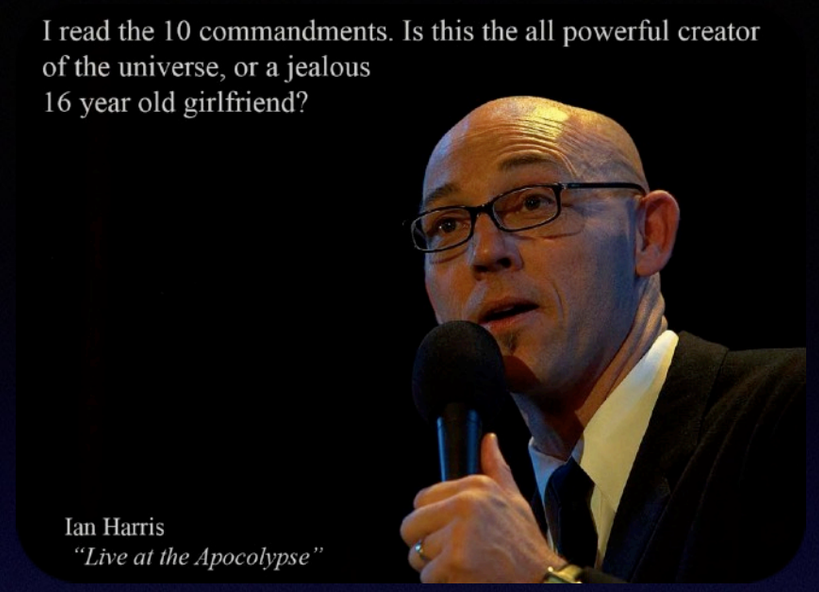
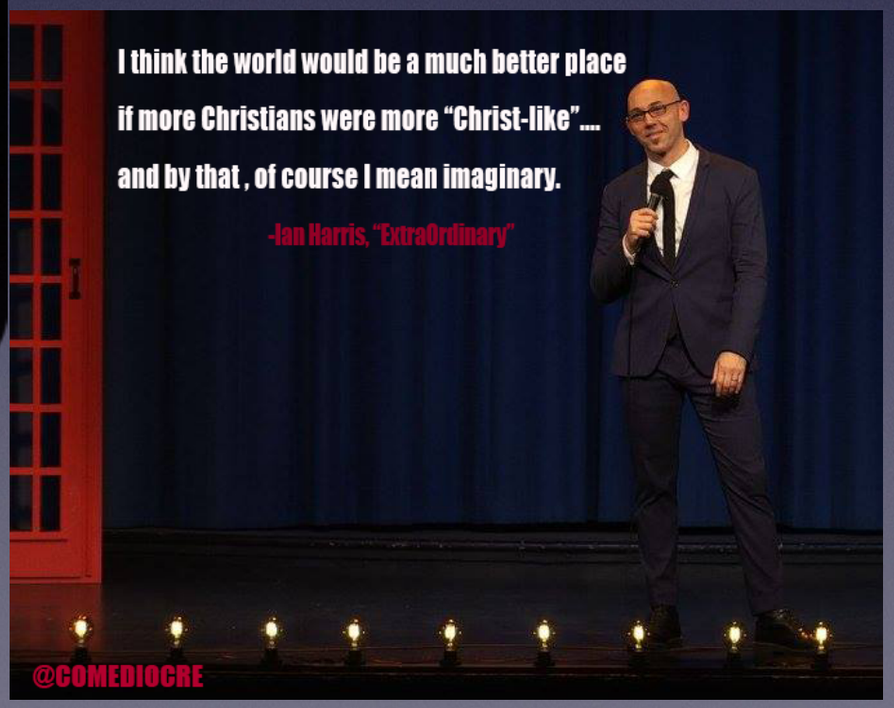

When you realize that your comedic interpretation of Donald Trump...
is actually sign language for "comb-over"!
Ian Harris @comediocre

I'm not an outdoorsy kinda girl. I'm just not. You hear birds chirping. I hear the hunting cries of a velociraptor.
@LeighannLord
Comedian – Author – Speaker
VeryFunnyLady.com


I read the 10 commandments. Is this the all powerful creator of the universe, or a jealous 16 year old girlfriend?
Ian Harris
"Live at the Apocolypse"

The term "kiss my ass" dates back to at least 1705.
The term kiss my "black" ass dates back to 1865.
@LeighannLord


I think the world would be a much better place if more Christians were more "Christ-like"....
and by that , of course I mean imaginary.
-Ian Harris, "ExtraOrdinary"
@COMEDIOCRE

Scientists found a 430,000-year-old skull with fractures showing it might be the world's first murder victim. The last thing he heard was, "If you snore again tonight, I swear to god..."
@LeighannLord
VeryFunnyLady.com

Climate Denial The Movie (impressions)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vV4sj5Ino4U

Nearly 20 impressions in one bit. Why don't we teach science by infusing it into blockbuster movies?
From *ExtraOrdinary* 2017

WE GOT NEXT

https://youtu.be/fdD8QWo4ix0

Leighann on Laffmob's clean urban comedy showcase We *Got Next* to find the next generation of comedy greats.

JUST A THEORY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeniB8qCrzU

No phrase is more annoying to a science minded person than "just a theory". Ian explains why this phrase is "just ridiculous". From *Critical & Thinking* 2014

MONEY, WORK & STRESS

https://youtu.be/fdD8QWo4ix0

Comedian Leighann Lord headlines the annual NYWICI scholarship fundraiser at Carolines on Broadway.

ORIGINAL SIN

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rc535zrVBUY

Ian Harris tries to explain Original Sin to his daughter. The closer for his first comedy special Critical & Thinking 2014. Trivia note: this is the very first time Ian ever performed this on stage and close his first TV special with it! From *Critical & Thinking* 2014