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US COMEDIAN JIM GAFFIGAN WILL SOOTHE THE BLUES OF THE HONG KONG GRIND

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Feeling down about the laughable size of your Hong Kong digs and the comically long hours you work? Cure your blues by laughing instead at a guy who once worked two jobs and lived in a two-bedroom New York apartment with his wife and FIVE kids. American comedy giant Jim Gaffigan will be appearing live at Hong Kong's Jockey Club Auditorium on March 16 with his all-new "**Quality Time Tour**". Catch it and feel better!

For those who've been hiding under a joke-proof rock for the past 20 years, Jim Gaffigan is a regular on the US comedy circuit. Having seen his career take off after a stand-up routine on The Late Show With David Letterman in 1999, he has since appeared on The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien, Flight of the Conchords, That 70s Show, The Ellen Show, The Daily Show and, perhaps most badass of all, Law and Order: Criminal Intent.

The quadruple-threat (stand-up comedian, actor, writer and producer) is known as the "king of clean comedy", largely steering clear of curse words and offensive topics in his live shows... but don't let that put you off. Gaffigan is described as "one of the premier joke tellers today" by the *New York Times* and has received three Grammy nominations for his comedy specials.

A Catholic boy (hence the huge gaggle of kids) from Chesterton, Indiana, Gaffigan generally talks about fatherhood, laziness and America's gluttonous eating habits. In what must be a true point of pride, he even once unwittingly predicted a particularly aggressive Dunkin' Doughnuts menu item, the Glazed Doughnut Breakfast Sandwich. The guy's a visionary!

Gaffigan also wrote, produced and starred in The Jim Gaffigan Show, a sitcom based on his experience raising five kids in a tiny New York apartment, and penned Dad Is Fat, a best-selling book whose title is derived from the first sentence his son ever wrote on a dry-erase board. With family like these...

But the comic, who has more than three million followers on Twitter and lists Bill Murray and Richard Pryor among his influences, has always been part of a big brood. The youngest of six, he remembers mortifying his career-driven father, the first person in his family ever to go to college, when he announced at the age of five that he wanted to be an "actress".

Gaffigan also graduated college, but soon after moved to New York where he worked in advertising by day and took acting classes and performed stand-up at night. He burnt the candle at both ends so extensively, his day job boss had to wake him up to fire him.

Now, doesn't that make your life feel so much more relaxed and together? Keep that self-satisfied feeling going as you hear more about Gaffigan's various gaffs at his Hong Kong show (never mind the fact that he's now incredibly successful and rich).

Tickets (https://web.archive.org/web/20190502142706/http://bit.ly/gaffiganhongkong) for the March 16 Live Nation event are currently available online (https://web.archive.org/web/20190502142706/http://bit.ly/gaffiganhongkong), with seats starting at HKD588. See? Rich.

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