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All Mixed Up: An Improv Comedy Show Celebrating Mixed-Race Comedians.

Announcing [All Mixed Up!](#) An Improv Comedy Show Celebrating Mixed-Race Comedians at the Magnet Theater in New York City on Friday October 11, 2024 at 10:30 PM produced and directed by [Surriya Colleen Ahmad](#), featuring a cast of all self-identifying mixed-race improvisers and comedians.

New York, NY – September 21, 2024 – Proudly announcing the first to our knowledge all mixed-race comedy show to be held in New York on October 11, 2024. This event celebrates the rich and diverse identities within the mixed-race comedy community and aims to foster a sense of connection, community, belonging and inclusivity. The event creates a shared space to highlight the triumphs and struggles of improvisers and/or comedians who self-identify as mixed ethnicity, race, or culture. The show explores how being mixed in America is actually its own identity, aiming to empower mixed people. *All Mixed Up* celebrates and laughs at our personal experiences and shared humanity.

The mixed community is growing in influence and power. According to the US Census:

- In 2020, the percentage of people who reported multiple races, increased from 2.9% of the population (9 million people) in 2010 to 10.2% of the population (33.8 million people).
- The Asian population alone grew by 35.5% between 2010 and 2020. In comparison, the Asian-in-combination population grew by 55.5%.

- 896,497 people identified as Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander in combination with another race group (such as Asian or White)

"I grew up in Louisville, KY, the youngest of four children. My father was a Muslim immigrant from the Punjab region of Lahore, Pakistan, who became a vascular surgeon in America, and my mother a stay-at-home mom born and raised in Louisville. I felt equally close to both parents growing up, so from an early age, I straddled two worlds and cultures simultaneously within the same household," states Surriya Ahmad. "I went on to attend medical school and am a board-certified Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine doctor, and a performing improviser and comedian. Improv and comedy have always been important in my life and I wanted to create a unique shared space within the person-of-color comedy community to inspire others. I want to highlight and celebrate what makes us unique. The Magnet Theater Community has given me this opportunity and empowered me to produce the first All Mixed Up show."

"[Mixed Asian Media](#) is a proud supporter of *All Mixed Up*," shares [Alex Chester-Iwata](#), founder of Mixed Asian Media. "Representation is vital for the mixed community and essential to heal from the constant narrative of 'not being enough' of our heritages. We are one of the fastest growing demographics in the U.S. and are often overlooked. What better way to bring awareness to the mixed community than a comedy show highlighting and celebrating what it means to be of mixed heritage."

"The [LUNAR collective](#) is so proud to support *All Mixed Up*, shares [Maryam Chishti](#), Co-Executive Director of The LUNAR collective, and sketch writer and performer at [Roadhouse Sketch](#) and REMIX as well as a cast member of this production of *All Mixed Up*. From our Asian Jewish community, we know how beautiful, talented, and funny mixed folks can be, and we are so excited to watch them shine on the stage, and let their mixed race joy lead the way."

To attend this event, tickets can be purchased on the [Magnet Theater Website](#). The Magnet Theater is located at 254 West 29th Street Chelsea New York, New York, 10001.

Press and Sponsorship Inquiries: For press or sponsorship inquiries, please contact Surriya Colleen Ahmad on Instagram [@emergencyimprov](#) [@allmixedupcomedy](#) or email sca131313@gmail.com

About the Cast

Surriya Colleen Ahmad*

[Natasha Babenko](#) - filmmaker/digital artist/poet

[Anson Chan](#) - Chinese/Japanese American, Producer of [@ironistchef](#), AAPI Comedy Night and *The Melting Pot*

[Zachary Chacón](#)

[Maryam Chishti](#) - Sketch writer and performer at roadhouse sketch/REMIX

[Victoria Francisco](#) - Writer, performer & producer, Wacky Wednesday - an improv jam and indie showcase [@wackywednesdayjam](#)

[Valentine d'Hauteville](#)

[Audrey Mattaino](#) - Writer for Maude Night at UCB

[Tallie Medel](#) - [Everything Everywhere All At Once](#), [Cocoon Central Dance Team](#), Clown Teacher and Performer at [Brooklyn Comedy Collective](#)

[Marcel Oyuela-Bonzani](#) - CoHost of [@headlinersbits](#)

[Conner Ozer](#)

[Jamie Rivera](#) - Instructor at Magnet Theater and Second City NY

[Fred Chong Rutherford](#)

Brandon Schneider - Founder of [@magicbeach_improv](#)

[Stefano Scotti](#)

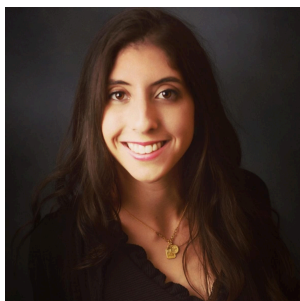
[Tiffany Springle](#) - Magnet Theater Musical Megawatt House Team - *Secret, Secret!*

[Abby To](#) - Co-Founder of [@theslaysiaansnyc](#)

Musical accompaniment by [Frank Spitznagel](#)

***About the Producer/Director**

Surriya Colleen Ahmad



Surriya Colleen Ahmad is a practicing Geriatric Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine Doctor, Comedian, and Improviser who lives in New York City. She first began her improvisational comedy training in Atlanta, GA taking short form improv classes from Automatic Improv, and has since been on several short form improvisational comedy teams in Louisville and New York City. She is a graduate of the Upright Citizens Brigade Training Program and Magnet Theater Conservatory Program in New York City, and is currently a member of the improvisational comedy team goat party [@goatpartyimprov](#) 🐐 🎉 She is the current Secretary

on the Executive Committee of the Academy of Geriatric Emergency Medicine and is passionate about physician wellness, and optimizing the emergency department experience and mental and physical well-being of older adults.