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

Announcing <u>All Mixed Up!</u> An Improv Comedy Show Celebrating Mixed-Race Comedians at the Magnet Theater in New York City on Friday September 26, 2025 at 10:30 PM produced and directed by <u>Surriya Colleen Ahmad</u>, featuring a cast of all self-identifying mixed-race improvisers and comedians.

New York, NY – August 16, 2025 – Proudly announcing the first to our knowledge all mixed-race comedy show to be held for the second time in New York on September 26, 2025 after a sold out inaugural show 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 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 <u>LUNAR collective</u> is so proud to support *All Mixed Up*, shares <u>Maryam Chishti</u>, Co-Executive Director of The LUNAR collective, and sketch writer and performer at <u>Roadhouse Sketch</u> 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 <u>Magnet Theater Website</u>. The Magnet Theater is located at 254 West 29th Street Chelsea New York, New York, 10001.

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About the Current Featured Cast

Surriya Colleen Ahmad*

Jason Aguirre - writer, performer, professional triangle player, urologist-in-training, NASA consultant, and sitting member of the Estonian parliament

<u>Lauren Bardot</u> - Indian/Scottish actress based in New York. Lauren started improv two years ago at Magnet Theater and is currently on her first Megawatt team there, "Midnight Snack," performing every Wednesday. Lauren has also studied at UCB and HB studios, and is excited to be performing with "All Mixed Up"!

Zachary Chacón

Maryam Chishti - Sketch writer and performer at roadhouse sketch/REMIX

Ryan Chittaphong - Performs regularly with Asian AF at Upright Citizens Brigade and in the hit monthly comedy show Entirely From Memory, in residency at Littlefield in Brooklyn. He has also appeared on many of New York's top comedy stages, including the Magnet Theater, The PIT, BCC, and The Armory. Since 2015, Ryan has been a company member of the nationally acclaimed Story Pirates. Offstage, he serves as Marketing Director for the Stella Adler Studio of Acting, where he also teaches acting technique, character, and improvisation @ryanchittaphong

Valentine d'Hauteville

<u>Alyssa DiVirgilio</u> - Alyssa is from Minneapolis where she was a member of all black improv troupe Blackout Improv for six years until relocating to New York. She studied theater at the Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists and in Los Angeles at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She is excited to join the All Mixed Up team.

Special Guest <u>Tallie Medel</u> - <u>Everything Everywhere All At Once</u>, <u>Cocoon Central Dance Team</u>, Clown Teacher and Performer at <u>Brooklyn Comedy Collective</u>

<u>Kaley Morrison</u> - Kaley (she/her) is an actor and comedian originally from North Carolina. She is a two time recipient of the Saturday NightLive/PIT scholarship, a 2023 Sesame Workshop Writers' Room fellow, and a 2025 First Peoples Fund Native American Performing Artist fellow. You can catch Kaley on Maude night at UCB with her team, Reunion Tour.

<u>Samantha O'Brochta</u> - New York-based comedian, singer, actress, composer, and writer, originally from the Pacific Northwest. She has trained in improv, musical improv, and sketch at Magnet Theater and Upright Citizens Brigade, as well as studied theatre at the University of East London and Western Washington University. You can currently catch Sam on Thursday nights in Magnet's Musical Megawatt with team Grinch Debussy.

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Adam Payne

Jamie Rivera - Instructor at Magnet Theater and Second City NY

Stefano Scotti

<u>Billy Soco</u> - Actor, voice artist, and improv teacher of Chilean and Filipino descent based in NYC. He has trained and performed with The Second City, UCB, Magnet Theater, ComedySportz, Freestyle+, Baby Wants Candy, Shamilton, and The Story Pirates. Billy performs regularly with North Coast Hip Hop Improv, Big Whoop, and Kittyhawk Musical Improv, bringing his talents to stages and classrooms worldwide, including the Vancouver Improv Festival (Canada), Robin Hood Improv Festival (UK), and Teatro Lospleimovil (Chile), to name a few. He currently teaches and serves as Artistic Director for Megawatt at Magnet Theater and is also on faculty with The Second City.

<u>Tiffany Springle</u> - Magnet Theater Musical Megawatt House Team - Secret, Secret!

Natasha Vie - filmmaker/digital artist/poet

Musical accompaniment by <u>Ammon Taylor</u> - Award-winning pianist, composer and music director. In addition to theatre, he works as an arts educator with multiple nonprofits in New York, including the National Dance Institute. He performs with various musical improv troupes and comedy theatres, including Baby Wants Candy and The Second City. He has extensive experience in theatre for young audiences, and has composed for the Brooklyn Children's Theatre and the award-winning bilingual play Cenicienta (Kennedy Center 2023.) His musical The Most Dangerous Woman in America (with librettist/lyricist Rudy Ramirez) was recently workshopped at the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Ammon is a proud member of the Dramatists Guild and the BMI Lehman Engle Musical Theatre Workshop.

*About the Producer/Director

Surriya Colleen Ahmad



Surriya Colleen Ahmad is a 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 a member of Magnet Theater house theater Megawatt team Mary Shelley that performs most Wednesdays. She is also currently a member of the improvisational comedy team goat party @goatpartyimprov & and all-Muslim improv team Halalrious. 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.