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FRIED NOTHING: Taste the Comedy

Since their start in 2007, *Fried Nothing* has unmistakably become one of Denver’s most well known and prolific comedy groups. Originally founded as a sketch comedy troupe, they have since branched out into stand-up comedy, animated cartoons, comedic writing, podcasts, film production, and hosting live comedy events. Their unique brand of humor has been compared to *The Kids in the Hall*, *Whitest Kids U Know*, as well as *Saturday Night Live*’s popular “Digital Shorts”.

Founding members Jordan Wieleba, Clinton “C.T.” Polson and Tom Van Meel met each other in college and quickly found that their unique sense of humor were one in the same. They founded “Fried Nothing Television” – an online sketch comedy group whose episodic videos were based in television formatting (complete with commercials!). Their first video, “Bob Ross: Happy Little Outtakes” - in which the popular public television painter was spoofed in a blooper reel style – gained instant popularity on YouTube. Realizing the potential, Fried Nothing quickly produced more content and has released near 50 sketches ranging from infomercials to music videos to movie trailers. To date, their sketch videos have reached a total of over 5 million views across the web. They have also been featured on Comedy Central’s “Atom TV”, two nationwide commercials for Hasbro’s “Cranium”, and were semi-finalists in the 2008 MTV Movie Awards Spoof Contest. In 2010, local comedians and long-time collaborators Chad Jacobs, Aubrie Allen, Sam Vellela and Amanda Smalls joined Fried Nothing and completed the ensemble.

In 2008, Fried Nothing held its first live comedy event entitled “Fried Nothing TV Comedy Night” in Denver, Colorado. The show featured local stand-up comedians – including all the members of Fried Nothing. Also featured were live music and a presentation of sketch comedy videos. The show sold out and received acclaim from the local entertainment community; this was followed by progressively successful live events in 2009 and 2010. A quarter-annual comedy showcase was produced by Fried Nothing starting in 2010 featuring local stand-up talent. In 2011 the group won first place in the 2011 Tournament of Hilarity, a competition that pitted Fried Nothing against seven teams of comedians. In autumn of 2011, Fried Nothing will embark on their first live tour, combing both live sketch comedy and stand-up comedy. They will finish the tour in their native Denver for their biggest event yet!

Fried Nothing is constantly working to bring their growing fan-base new material as often as they can. A generous helping of brand new comedy videos will appear in 2011 and they will also begin production on other ambitious endeavors.

Fried Nothing – the tastiest name in comedy!

CAST BIOGRAPHIES



JORDAN WIELEBA

Cast member Jordan Wieleba is one of the founding members of *Fried Nothing*. He has been bringing his style of sarcastic absurdness stand-up comedy to Denver since 2006 and is quickly paving a road of success and empty cans of Pabst Blue Ribbon as he strives to make a name for himself in the comedy scene. While a comedian at heart, Jordan has also branched out to writing, directing, producing, animation and graphic design. Currently, he is in the process of writing three feature length screenplays and an original web-series alongside various *Fried Nothing* productions and live shows/events and the animated sitcom "BUDZ". While he's not making the funny, Jordan likes to complain, eat edible foods and practice the art of being awesome.

CLINTON "C.T." POLSON

C.T. Polson was raised in a small town called Alamogordo, New Mexico. He's been delivering big city laughs ever since. With his desire to change the world through humor, he moved to Denver in 2003 to find his path. He did in 2005 when he met Jordan Wieleba and Tom Van Meel and "Fried Nothing" was formed. With big dreams, a bigger cast and no budget, C.T. is confident that Fried Nothing can only go up from here.



TOM VAN MEEL

Tom Van Meel is one of the first to jump onto FNTV after witnessing firsthand the creation of the group's first sketch "Bob Ross: Happy Little Outtakes". Tom's humor crosses the nexus of time and space and is universal to people of all ages, except for the elderly and children under the age of 12. He has been in almost 20 different sketch comedy videos playing all different types of characters ranging from a mobster who has a cocaine problem, to a man that can't get out of the fifties, to an eyebrow hunter that looks quite like the hunter from a popular dinosaur movie. Tom also partakes in stand-up comedy alongside CT and Jordan. One day, the name "Van Meel" will be synonymous with comedy as it is with auto parts and hot cocoa.

AUBRIE ALLEN

Aubrie Allen was born a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away. She has been performing stand-up comedy for over 6 years, and in the year 2009, she single handedly brought sexy back. In her free time, she enjoys painting, drinking, and pantomime horses. Feel free to look at her, but never touch her, for she is fragile.



CHAD JACOBS

Chad Jacobs is a current member of the comedy group Fried Nothing. Chad started his stand-up and comedy career in June of 2010. He was born Chad Jacob Geithman in Madison, Wisconsin but now calls Denver home after moving to the state in his early 20's. On stage, Chad goes by "Chad Jacobs" as in his own words, Chad Geithman sounded a little to 1940's German; Jacob, being his middle name, was a logical choice for change. Chad's interests include long walks on the beach, watching reruns of "Highway to Heaven" and teaching cats how to sew.

SAM VELLELA

Sam Vellela, affectionately known to his fellow Fried Nothingites as "Thadius the loveable man child", is a relatively new sensation in the comedy world. His first stand-up appearance in September 2010 set in motion his union with Fried Nothing. With performances at many Denver venues, Sam has also appeared in the sketches "Love Like Clowns", "Barry Lumpky: Comedy Junky" and more to come. With a strong fan base here in his hometown of Denver, Colorado, Sam looks forward to expanding his and Fried



Nothing's reputation.



AMANDA SMALLS

This sassy and saucy spitfire from Arizona, originally born in New Mexico, has found her spot as a cast member of Fried Nothing Comedy; and a new face in the Denver comedy scene as of September of 2010. Amanda Smalls has performed at many Colorado venues such as Moe's Original BBQ, Herman's Hideaway, and more. She has also been viewed in such films as "Barry Lumpky, Comedy Junky" and "Carl Came to Party". Do not be fooled, as Smalls really not just a clever name; in real life, she's real small.