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To Whom It May Concern,

In April 2011, Mike Simmonds presented a program at the Saskatoon Public Library on Stand Up Comedy, and it was well-received by a mixed audience of adults, teens, and seniors.

The event consisted of a stand up routine, followed by some stories about the life of a stand up comedian and some tips on how to get started in stand up. Mike's comedic routine was fresh and funny, and his stories about how he got into stand up as a career were poignant and personable.

Mike's advice on how to get involved in stand up comedy was clear, accessible, and to-the-point. He gave interested people perspective not only on assessing the quality of their own material, but also on their role as people starting out within the context of working with more-experienced comics.

Mike added a hands-on dimension to this career advice, at the end of the evening, by inviting members of the audience to come up to the stage and tell a joke or story. He had clearly made a connection with the audience, because four different people of varying ages took him up on his offer. It was very heartwarming. When the event was over, people stayed to talk to Mike and to each other for well over a half an hour, which doesn't usually happen at a Library program.

All in all, it was a wonderful evening at the Library. I am happy to recommend Mike Simmonds for this sort of program.

Sincerely,

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