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## **Northwest Comedian Hari Kondabolu Takes stage at Tacoma's Theater on the Square Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

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**TACOMA, WASH.** – Broadway Center presents comedian and writer Hari Kondabolu with opening guest El Sanchez at Theater on the Square on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. [Tickets start at \\$19 and are on sale now.](#)

[Hari Kondabolu](#) is a Brooklyn-based comedian, actor and writer who the New York Times has described as "one of the most exciting political comics in stand-up today." He has appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Conan," "Jimmy Kimmel Live," John Oliver's NY Standup Show, "The Nightly Show" and his own half-hour Comedy Central Presents special. His critically-acclaimed debut album "Waiting for 2042," which was released on legendary indie label Kill Rock Stars was one of the Top 10 Standup Albums of 2014 according to Paste Magazine. The Portland Mercury wrote that "the marriage of careful joke structure and fiercely intelligent commentary elevates this album from a collection of solid progressive punchlines to a work of art." Kondabolu has since released Mainstream American Comic and the self-released Hari Kondabolu's New Material Night Volume One.

Kondabolu was a writer and correspondent on the Chris Rock produced Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell on the FX network. Bell has described his long-time friend and collaborator as "the comedy equivalent of a punk rock concert that breaks out at a human right's rally." The duo co-hosted a weekly political podcast through First Look Media called "Politically Reactive."

A Seattle-based comedian, writer and comic book reader, opening guest El Sanchez has been performing a conversationally cynical, yet upbeat comedic style blending embarrassing personal stories, nerdy obsessions, social politics, possible overshares—while also skewering oppressive social norms—all over the country since 2010.

They have been called "fearless" by City Arts Magazine, "a grumpy nugget of delight," by writer/activist Lindy West, "a local favorite," by Seattle alt weekly The Stranger and "a brilliant new voice everyone should know," by comedian Hari Kondabolu. Grammy Award winning singer/song-writer Kimya Dawson (The Moldy Peaches, Juno) has cited Sanchez as her 'favorite underground Northwest comedian' while W. Kamau Bell, comedian and host of CNN's United Shades of America, once said, "El Sanchez is the truth."

[Tickets for Hari Kondabolu start at \\$19 and are on sale now.](#) To buy now, call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, online at [BroadwayCenter.org](http://BroadwayCenter.org), or in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District.

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