

A Laugh Riot!

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On Saturday, January 12, Beaufort Performing Arts is happy to present the comic genius of James Gregory, back by popular demand!

Ever since he left a successful career as a salesman and first picked up a microphone nearly twenty years ago, James Gregory has been working to make people laugh. The Atlanta comedian has played big cities and small towns, filling comedy clubs and convention halls with his homespun, easy-going stories of food, funerals and funny relatives.

"James Gregory is in a class all by himself* his humor transcends all barriers; social, economical, racial or whatever."

Entertainment Magazine 

"His drive-time humor is the weapon of the underdog, is release for the traffic-clogged road rage of anyone headed for a bad day or coming home after one. For five or ten minutes, he awards commuters with a golden scepter*as he rags on eccentric relatives, health addicts, modern parents, out-of-control environmentalists, medical infomercials or violence in schools*" writes Lee Walburn in Atlanta Magazine.

"James Gregory doesn't take the stage, he takes the room. You know from the outset that he's taken control...all this Georgia boy has to do to get a laugh is just stand there and clear his throat, the audience has fallen in love with him before he delivers the first line."

The Seattle Times

James came by his accent and outlook naturally. "I grew up in Lithonia, a small town about 15 miles east of Atlanta. My mother and aunts and uncles still live there," the unmarried comedian says. "All my comedy is based on real life *the people I grew up with, went to school with, family. My ideas about food came from them. In addition to extolling the virtues of Crisco cuisine, James also examines the uniquely Southern custom of "bereavement food" in his shows. "We love to bring a covered dish to somebody's house before or after the funeral, and it's a nice thing to do. The only problem is, everybody usually ends up gossiping about the food or other people, and nobody talks about the person who just died." James's food stories are among his most popular, even when he appears on stages north of the Mason-Dixon.

Gregory is a legend – each time you see him, he'll be better than the time before, that can be said of only a very few entertainers."

Austin-American Statesman

Tickets are on sale now at the USCB Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices are \$40-35-30 and half price for children 12 years old and younger. Box Office: (843) 521-4145 Monday -Friday 10:00AM to 5:00PM. University of South Carolina Beaufort is located in the heart of downtown Beaufort at 801 Carteret St, Beaufort, SC 29902.