



CBS Announces Late Show Replacement with Byron Allen

Description

After the conclusion of *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*, CBS will introduce a new late-night programming block the following day. This change, taking place on May 22, is significant as it marks a shift in the network's nightly lineup.

Starting at 11:35 p.m., CBS will broadcast *Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen*, followed by the comedy game show *Funny You Should Ask* at 12:35 a.m. *The Late Show* will officially end on May 21. *Comics Unleashed* has been airing in this later time slot during the current season and continued to do so during the 2023 writers and actors strikes.

A key aspect of this transition is that Byron Allen is purchasing airtime from CBS for his shows. His company, Allen Media Group, will be responsible for selling advertising spots during these two hours. This arrangement is expected to improve CBS's financial performance in late-night programming.

Byron Allen stated, "I created and launched *Comics Unleashed* 20 years ago so my fellow comedians could have a platform to make people laugh. I appreciate CBS' confidence in me by picking up our two-hour comedy block." He has also shown interest in this late-night timeslot, saying in October 2025 that he would seize the opportunity.

Comics Unleashed, hosted by Allen, features various comedians performing short sets based on topics he provides. Meanwhile, *Funny You Should Ask*, hosted by Jon Kelley, involves contestants answering trivia questions with assistance from a panel of comedians.

The executive producers of both shows include Allen, Carolyn Folks, Jennifer Lucas, Jodi Miller, and Peter Steen. For *Funny You Should Ask*, Bob Boden, Scott Satin, and Eric Charbonnel also serve as executive producers.

Vocabulary List:

1. **programming** //ˈprɒɡræmɪŋ// (noun): shows that a TV channel broadcasts
2. **transition** //trænˈzɪʃən// (noun): a change from one thing to another
3. **airtime** //ˈɛr,tɑɪm// (noun): time when a program is broadcast on TV
4. **advertising** //ˈædvər,tɑɪzɪŋ// (noun): messages that try to sell products or services
5. **financial** //faɪˈnænʃəl// (adjective): relating to money or the economy
6. **timeslot** //ˈtaɪm,slɒt// (noun): specific time period for a TV program



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When will CBS introduce the new late-night programming block?
Option: May 21
Option: May 22
Option: June 1
Option: April 30
2. What time will 'Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen' air?
Option: 10:35 p.m.
Option: 11:35 p.m.
Option: 12:35 a.m.
Option: 1:00 a.m.
3. Who is the host of 'Funny You Should Ask'?
Option: Byron Allen
Option: Jon Kelley
Option: Stephen Colbert
Option: Peter Steen
4. What is a key aspect of the transition to the new programming block?
Option: Changing the show hosts
Option: Byron Allen purchasing airtime
Option: Shifting the show times
Option: Ending all late-night shows
5. Which company is responsible for selling advertising spots during the two-hour block?
Option: CBS
Option: Allen Media Group
Option: Funny You Should Ask
Option: Comedy Central
6. Who stated, 'I created and launched Comics Unleashed 20 years ago'?
Option: Carolyn Folks



- Option: Jon Kelley
- Option: Byron Allen
- Option: Jodi Miller

True-False

- 7. The Late Show With Stephen Colbert will end on May 22.
- 8. 'Comics Unleashed' has been airing in the current season during the 2023 writers' and actors' strikes.
- 9. Jon Kelley is the host of 'Comics Unleashed'.
- 10. Byron Allen has expressed interest in the late-night timeslot.
- 11. Carolyn Folks is one of the executive producers of 'Comics Unleashed'.
- 12. The new programming block will include a game show format.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The new late-night programming block will start at 11:35 p.m. and will feature _____ as the first show.
- 14. Byron Allen purchased airtime from CBS for his _____ shows.
- 15. The Late Show With Stephen Colbert will officially end on _____ 21.
- 16. The trivia game show 'Funny You Should Ask' features contestants answering _____ questions.
- 17. Byron Allen created 'Comics Unleashed' _____ years ago.
- 18. The executive producers of 'Funny You Should Ask' include Bob Boden, Scott Satin, and _____ Charbonnel.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. May 22 2. 11:35 p.m. 3. Jon Kelley 4. Byron Allen purchasing airtime 5. Allen Media Group
6. Byron Allen

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen 14. comedy 15. May 16. trivia 17. 20 18. Eric

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which of the following is a form of communication used to promote products?

Option: Advertising

Option: Finance

Option: Cinematography

Option: Narration

2. What term describes a film or book that continues a story from a previous work?

Option: Prequel

Option: Sequel

Option: Adaptation

Option: Cohesion

3. Which treatment is commonly used to combat cancer?

Option: Chemotherapy

Option: Radiation

Option: Surgery

Option: Acupuncture

4. What is the term for actions taken to improve a situation, especially to prevent a crisis?

Option: Intervention

Option: Validation

Option: Diagnosis

Option: Promotion

5. Which term refers to something that uses a figure of speech to convey a meaning?



- Option: Literal
- Option: Metaphorical
- Option: Concrete
- Option: Abstract

6. What type of management deals with the assets and liabilities of an organization?

- Option: Legal
- Option: Financial
- Option: Creative
- Option: Operational

7. Which word describes a ghostly or memorable presence that continues to affect someone?

- Option: Haunt
- Option: Past
- Option: Memory
- Option: Shadow

8. What term describes a structure where all parts are well connected and work together?

- Option: Cohesive
- Option: Fragmented
- Option: Dissonant
- Option: Diverse

9. Which industry is related to the science of flight and space travel?

- Option: Aerospace
- Option: Automotive
- Option: Construction
- Option: Pharmaceutical

10. What term refers to the amount of money borrowed and not yet repaid?

- Option: Equity
- Option: Capital
- Option: Debt
- Option: Asset

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The movie underwent a significant _____ to develop its characters further.

12. Celebrities often have the power to _____ their fans' choices.



13. The therapist _____ the patient's feelings during the session.
14. He was _____ with a rare condition that required immediate treatment.
15. The celebrity made a surprise _____ at the charity event.
16. The dog's _____ behavior made everyone cautious during the walk.
17. The novel received a successful film _____ that stayed true to the storyline.
18. A _____ service was held to honor the lives lost in the tragedy.
19. She recovered from a _____ after several weeks of intensive therapy.
20. The artist created an _____ piece that became a symbol of the movement.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The intricate narrative of the film captivated audiences from start to finish.
22. Companies often use social media platforms to promote their new products.
23. Efforts in recent years have focused on suicide prevention strategies.
24. Marketers often segment their audience to tailor messages more effectively.
25. The team presented a viable solution to improve project efficiency.
26. She was hospitalized due to a septic infection requiring immediate care.
27. The show received prime airtime on the network, attracting a large audience.
28. The director's cinematic vision brought the story to life on screen.
29. His aggressive approach to sales often yielded impressive results.
30. Understanding financial literacy is essential for making informed decisions.



Answer

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Multiple Choice: 1. Advertising 2. Sequel 3. Chemotherapy 4. Intervention 5. Metaphorical 6. Financial 7. Haunt 8. Cohesive 9. Aerospace 10. Debt

Gap-Fill: 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

Matching sentence: 1. narrative



2. promote 3. suicide 4. segment 5. viable 6. septic 7. airtime 8. cinematic 9. aggressive 10. financial

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