



Colbert's 'Late Show' Successor: 'I'm Not Trying to Replace Him'

Description

Byron Allen's *Comics Unleashed* started on CBS on May 22. It took over the time slot of *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*.

Allen launched *Comics Unleashed* in 2006. He says his show is different and does not want Colbert's audience. He promised that there will be "no politics" on his show.

Allen is not worried about how people will respond to his show. He thinks *Comics Unleashed* has its own fans. He wants to entertain late-night viewers in a new way.

He said, "Not everyone's going to love me." He does not want to be racist or sexist. Some people think that *The Late Show* ended for money reasons and due to its political jokes.

Allen stated he has not discussed any rules about what to say with CBS. He has already made episodes and feels free to create his comedy. He aims to bring people together through laughter without discussing politics.

Vocabulary List:

1. **audience** //ˈɔːdiəns// (noun): people who watch or listen to a show
2. **politics** //ˈpɒlətiks// (noun): ideas and actions about government and power
3. **entertain** //,ɛntər'teɪn// (verb): make people enjoy themselves and feel happy
4. **respond** //rɪ'spɒnd// (verb): say or do something after someone else
5. **racist** //ˈreɪsɪst// (adjective): showing dislike of people because of their race
6. **episodes** //ˈɛpɪ,səʊdɪz// (noun): one part of a TV or radio series

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When did Byron Allen's *Comics Unleashed* start on CBS?

Option: May 22

Option: June 15



Option: April 30

Option: March 1

2. What show did Comics Unleashed take over the time slot from?

Option: The Tonight Show

Option: The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

Option: Jimmy Kimmel Live!

Option: The Daily Show

3. What year did Byron Allen launch Comics Unleashed?

Option: 2004

Option: 2006

Option: 2008

Option: 2010

4. What does Byron Allen promise will not be featured on his show?

Option: Politics

Option: Celebrity gossip

Option: Sketch comedy

Option: Stand-up routines

5. How does Byron Allen feel about the audience response to his show?

Option: Worried

Option: Indifferent

Option: Excited

Option: Supportive

6. What does Byron Allen aim to achieve with his comedy?

Option: Financial success

Option: Political commentary

Option: Bringing people together through laughter

Option: Celebrity interviews

True-False

7. Byron Allen wants to entertain The Late Show audience.

8. Byron Allen believes Comics Unleashed will have its own fans.



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9. Some people think The Late Show ended for political reasons.
 10. Byron Allen has discussed rules with CBS regarding what to say on his show.
 11. Comics Unleashed is a political comedy show.
 12. Byron Allen considers himself to be racist or sexist.

Gap-Fill

13. Comics Unleashed started on CBS on May 22, _____
14. Byron Allen launched _____ in 2006.
15. He aims to bring people together through laughter without discussing _____
16. Allen feels free to create his comedy and has already made _____ episodes.
17. Not everyone's going to love _____
18. Some people believe The Late Show ended for money reasons and due to its _____
jokes.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. May 22 2. The Late Show with Stephen Colbert 3. 2006 4. Politics 5. Indifferent 6. Bringing people together through laughter

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

Gap-Fill: 13. year not specified 14. Comics Unleashed 15. politics 16. many 17. me 18. political

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