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LAUGH IN THE NEW YEAR WITH NOT YOUR NORMAL NEW YEAR'S EVE

A NIGHT OF COMEDY, MUSIC, AND BALLOONS
HOSTED BY JILL BOURQUE AND BRIAN COPELAND

8pm December 31, 2013

Marines' Memorial Theatre, San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (15 November, 2013) ó **Jill Bourque** and **Brian Copeland** blow the roof off 2013 with the fifth annual **NOT YOUR NORMAL NEW YEAR'S EVE**, an unconventional extravaganza featuring eight of today's best stand-up comics, live music, and a room full of balloons at San Francisco's historic **Marines' Memorial Theatre**, 8pm Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Guests will enjoy entertainment from comedians **Laurie Kilmartin**, **Brent Weinbach**, **Kellen Erskine**, **Casey Ley**, **Dan St. Paul**, **Joe Klocek**, and hosts **Jill Bourque** and **Brian Copeland**. Mash-up artist **DJ Lucio K** provides the musical mayhem, with the event culminating in an early massive balloon drop. Tickets (starting at **\$45**) are available by calling **(415) 392-4400** or visiting **www.nynnye.com**.

A limited quantity of special **VIP tickets** are available for an additional **\$199**. VIP guests will sip cocktails from the open bar all night, and will kick off the evening at 6pm with a sumptuous pre-show dinner in the beautiful Crystal Lounge, complete with wine and cocktails. After the show, they will dance the night away to live music on each of the Marines' Memorial Club's three floors, sample dessert from a chocolate petit four buffet, and celebrate the new year with a midnight champagne toast and balloon drop.

In *The New York Times*, Chloe Veltman said of **NOT YOUR NORMAL NEW YEAR'S EVE**, "I was thoroughly entertained." The show features one-of-a-kind entertainment by nationally-renowned stand-up comics. **Laurie Kilmartin**, currently a writer for TBS's *Conan*, has been featured on *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, Comedy Central, and Showtime, as well as on *The Rachel Maddow Show*, *Countdown with Keith Olbermann*, VH1's *Best Week Ever*, and *Oprah*. She has written for CBS's *The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, Comedy Central's *Too Late with Adam Carolla*,

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and *Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn*, as well as NBC's *Last Comic Standing*. **Brent Weinbach**, known for his physical and absurdist comedic style, is winner of the Andy Kaufman Award, which is given out once a year to recognize innovation in stand-up comedy. He has appeared on *Conan*, *Lopez Tonight*, Comedy Central, HBO, and IFC, and toured with the *Comedians of Comedy*. A past finalist in the San Francisco International Comedy Competition, **Kellen Erskine** was featured on Season 7 of NBC's *America's Got Talent* and has performed across the United States in comedy clubs, most recently at the Great American Comedy Festival held in Johnny Carson's hometown of Norfolk, Nebraska. San Francisco comic and radio personality **Casey Ley** has been featured in festivals including SF Sketchfest, SXSW, Bridgetown Comedy Festival in Portland, OR, and the Moontower Comedy Festival in Austin, TX. His comedy has appeared on NPR and he was voted the Bay Area's "Best Comic" by readers of *SF Weekly* in 2012. He is the host and creator of the popular San Francisco show *This Feels Wrong* and a weekly comedy game show called *Mayhem Trivia*. **Dan St. Paul** has appeared on numerous comedy shows on VH-1, MTV, and Comedy Central, and has opened for such superstars as Jerry Seinfeld, Natalie Cole, Dwight Yoakum, Smokey Robinson, Vince Gill, and the San Francisco Symphony. A runner-up in the San Francisco International Comedy Competition and the Seattle Comedy Competition, **Joe Klocek** has been featured on NPR's *Snap Judgment*, Comedy Central's *Live at Gotham*, and NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, and was voted "Best Comic" in the 2011 *SF Weekly* Readers' Poll.

This rollicking New Year's party will be hosted by Bay Area comic favorites **Jill Bourque** and **Brian Copeland**. A stand-up comedian, improviser, and producer, Bourque created the international hit improv show *How We First Met* in 2001, which has played in San Francisco and other cities worldwide each year on Valentine's Day. As a performer, she has brought her unique style and off-kilter characters to clubs, festivals, and theatres all over the world, including Marinesø Memorial Theatre, The Plush Room, Bay Area Theatresports, Eureka Theater, Liquid Soap, Crystal Cruises, SF Sketchfest, Chicago Improv Festival, Los Angeles Improv Festival, and San Francisco Improv Festival. Also a regular on KGO radio's *Headliner on the Headlines* with Brian Copeland, Bourque can be seen doing an improvised TV wedding on TLC's *Four Weddings* and giving the funny low-down on parenting on Scripp's new interactive online network, ulive.com.

Brian Copeland has been in show business since he first stepped on the comedy stage at age 18. Soon he was headlining clubs and concerts across the country and opening for such artists as

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Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, Ringo Starr, and the Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, in venues from The Universal Amphitheater to Constitution Hall in Washington DC. Soon, Copeland branched off into television, appearing on comedy programs on NBC, A&E and MTV. He spent five years as co-host of San Francisco FOX affiliate KTVU breakfast program *Mornings on 2* and two years hosting San Francisco ABC affiliate KGO's Emmy Award-winning afternoon talker *7Live*, and is a featured commentator on HLN TV's *Dr. Drew On Call*. In 1995, ABC affiliate KGO Radio premiered *The Brian Copeland Show*. Its unique mix of talk and entertainment soon made it the most listened to program in its time slot. Copeland branched out into theatre in 2004 with his first solo play *Not a Genuine Black Man*, and has gone on to create more critically-acclaimed solo theatre shows including *The Waiting Period*, *The Jewelry Box*, and *The Scion*, receiving its World Premiere in January 2014.

Innovative music mashups will be created live at **NOT YOUR NORMAL NEW YEAR'S EVE** by internationally-renowned Brazilian **DJ Lucio K**. Using driving rhythm tracks, hundreds of instruments, and voices, Lucio K creates his mashups live and on stage, resulting in an explosion of energetic pop music infused with rock, reggae, hip-hop, swing, electronica, soul, acoustic, and other elements. Now a resident of Oakland, Lucio K made his debut in his native Brazil in 2010 before going on to perform in Europe and the United States.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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WHERE: Marines' Memorial Theatre
609 Sutter St, San Francisco, CA

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TICKETS: Event tickets start at \$45, with a VIP tickets available for an additional \$199.

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