



Fair Housing Council  
of Orange County  
Fostering Diversity in Housing

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Michael Jr. to Headline Fair Housing Council of Orange County's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Stand Up Against Housing Discrimination" IMPROV NIGHT**

**SANTA ANA, CALIF., September 3, 2004...**The Fair Housing Council of Orange County announced today that the hilarious comedian Michael Jr. will headline the nonprofit agency's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Stand Up Against Housing Discrimination" Improv Night scheduled for 6-10pm on September 14 at the Brea Improv. Michael Jr. is a top-notch comedian previously performing on NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, Comedy Central and numerous comedy clubs and guarantees to leave participants with a good old fashioned belly ache from all the laughs. Housing discrimination is no laughing matter but this is an opportunity to "Stand Up" and Make a Difference all while you sit back and enjoy the show. Everyone is invited to join the Fair Housing Council as they raise the roof and some funds at the funniest **FUNdraiser** of the year. Event-goers can also win some great prizes such as golf packages, tickets to amusement parks and gift certificates for laser skin treatments which will be awarded during the opportunity drawing. Come out and lend your support and help the Fair Housing Council raise some funds to support its programs that promote equal housing opportunities and put an end to illegal housing discrimination. Tickets are just \$20 and are discounted for group purchases of 20 or more, so bring your friends, coworkers and family members. The event is sponsored by Downey Savings, the Laser Medical Clinic, the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Association of Realtors. The event is open to the public and the community is invited to attend to learn more about the services provided by the Fair Housing Council. Call Connie Der Torossian at 714/569-0823x217 for information or to reserve your tickets.

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## **2-2-2 Fair Housing Improv Night**

### **About Michael Jr.**

A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Michael jr. can thank a movie malfunction for his break in comedy. One night, while watching a film with about 400 people, the theater experienced technical difficulties. The film suddenly snapped, and the house lights came on. Acting on a friend's dare, Michael walked to the front of the large and disgruntled audience and discovered his gift. Since then Michael has been featured on such shows as NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, BET's *ComicView*, Comedy Central and SiTV Latino Laugh Festival. He's performed in some of the nation's top comedy clubs and festivals, and has worked with other top performers in the business. Michael's unique comedic approach is extremely appealing to diverse audiences across the country. Powerful, clever, refreshing, and captivating, Michael wields his art effortlessly. His style is subtle yet hilarious, constantly catching audiences off-guard with humor found in everyday experiences. His humor is truly "another brand of comedy." His hard work ethic and respect for the art has gained him high marks from such comedy icons as George Wallace, Gary Shandling, and Jay Leno. "Powerful", "clever", "refreshing", and "captivating", are some of the words that have been used to describe Michael's non-explicit comedic styling. Visit [www.michaeljrcomedy.com](http://www.michaeljrcomedy.com) for more information.

### **About the Fair Housing Council of Orange County**

The Fair Housing Council of Orange County is a private non-profit organization formed in 1965 in the wake of the civil rights movement that resulted in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The agency incorporated in 1968, the same year that Congress extended civil rights protections to cover housing with the adoption of the Fair Housing Act. Under the direction of a 14-member volunteer board of directors and with a paid staff of 15, it works to fulfill a mission of protecting the quality of life in Orange County by ensuring equal access to housing opportunities, fostering diversity and preserving dignity and human rights. Contracting with all of Orange County's local governments to provide fair housing services for their residents, the agency provides comprehensive community education, individual counseling, mediation, low-cost advocacy and handles more than 1,000 issues concerning housing discrimination in the county each year. The Fair Housing Council also recently expanded its services to include comprehensive educational programs for housing providers, property managers, lenders, real estate professionals and consumers. The Fair Housing Council is also a HUD certified counseling agency and provides about 275 community outreach presentations annually. For more information, call 800/698-FAIR or 714/569-0823 or visit [www.fairhousingoc.org](http://www.fairhousingoc.org).

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