**SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE!!!**

For “McManus and Me”

The McManus Comedies

One-Man Shows written by Patrick F. McManus

Starring Tim Behrens

A Fine and Pleasant Misery \* McManus In Love \* Pot Luck

Scrambled McManus \* Poor Again…Dagnabbit!

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Tickets:

**Celebrate the Humor of Patrick F. McManus AND**

**His Indentured Actor Tim Behrens with**

**“McManus and Me!”**

Written by Pat **and** Tim

**WHAT:** To celebrate 20 years of performing the McManus Comedies through 23 states and two provinces Pat and Tim created a new show!! This one features favorite stories from the Comedies written by Patrick F. McManus interspersed, interrupted and intertwined with Tales from the Road by Tim. Tim shares how the shows came to be, offers bulletins from backstage and recounts misadventures on the road during 20 years of touring, from Provo to Providence, from Fort St. John to Austin.

 Often, people get the impression that the entertainment business means glamour and riches. Tim’s stories correct that notion once and for all!

Learn how the first production suffered from a 20-minute actor malfunction! Find out why Pat and Tim were almost arrested for laughing too hard in a Holiday Inn restaurant when they were creating McManus In Love. Relive Tim’s performance on the smallest stage in the world in a Basque Hotel in Winnemucca. Discover why the Mountain Mamas had to “borrow” landing lights from the Stanley, Idaho airport in order to illuminate the stage!

The show guarantees bouts of irrepressible laughter and loads of fun.

All characters, including Tim, will be played by Tim, unless of course, Tim isn’t feeling too well, in which case all the characters will be played by Crazy Eddie Muldoon, or Rancid Crabtree or Melba Peachbottom…..

**WHEN:**

**WHERE:**

**TICKETS:**

**SUMMARY:** On October 2nd, 1992, we premiered the first stage comedy written by nationally renowned humorist Patrick F. McManus, one of the Northwest’s most famous sons. We hoped that Pat’s material, interpreted by actor Tim Behrens, might work as a one-man show. Five complete shows and 1600 performances later, across 23 states, to more than 450,000 pretty happy audience members, we figure we did something right!

 To celebrate this milestone and the long and faithful support of McManus fans everywhere...and to continue the laughter…we’ve developed a new show that not only highlights favorite McManus stories and characters from the Comedies, but shares with the audience some of the back stories behind the comedies and Tim’s touring. Tim recounts some of the most hilarious, frightening and bizarre misadventures that occurred across more than ½ million miles of touring! And that’s just when Pat was driving!

 Of course these incidents weren’t funny when they occurred….but it’s strange how time and distance cause “story fermentation” to occur….to create a rich batch of vintage humor.

**Our guarantee:** If you don’t laugh louder longer and harder than you have in a year, we’ll refund your money.

Pat McManus is one of the most popular humor writers in the country. He has authored 25 books which have sold about 5 million copies. Five of his short humor collections have made the top 10 of the NY Times Bestseller’s list

***Reviewers’ comments about the McManus Shows****:*

*“Outstanding performance…One terrific evening!” the late Jack Lemmon*

“*Behrens performs brilliantly, with an amazing range of facial expressions and more limb twisting and odd-posturing humor than you’d ever imagine possible. The whole thing is kind of like a cross between Bill Cosby and Mark Twain.” - Billings Gazette*