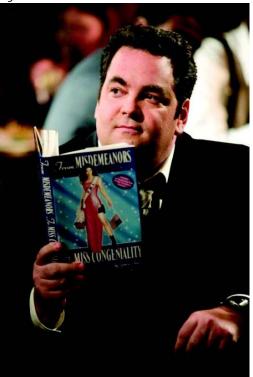
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John DiResta Photo provided

John DiResta will bring laughter to the Orinda Theatre at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 13. DiResta is the real deal. He was raised on the rough and tumble streets of Long Island where he made fun of people. If you got mocked by John DiResta then you were in with the "in" crowd.

A former New York City Transit police officer, DiResta started his comedy career in 1992 in the bowels of the New York comedy circuit. Five years later his one-man show, "BEAT: A Subway Cop's Comedy," opened to rave reviews. The New York Times called him "UPROARIOUS!" John quickly signed a huge development deal with ABC/Disney. John quit the police department and moved his wife and three kids to the west coast.

In the fall of 1998, his sitcom, "DiResta" launched on the UPN Network. DiResta then went on to secure very big roles in the movies "Miss Congeniality" with Sandra Bullock and "15 Minutes" with Robert De Niro. During that period, he made two memorable appearances on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and the "Howard Stern Show." In spring 2004 John's show, "Trash to Cash," premiered on the FX Network. He went on to star in "How To Lose a Guy in Ten Days" and "Miss Congeniality Two." In fall 2007, DiResta began work on his next two TV adventures: "American Body Shop" was on Comedy Central for one year and "Hammered" lasted two seasons on HGTV/DIY networks.

John DiResta has been around the block, twice. He is a true comedic mixed martial artist of the highest order:

On TV, on film or live on stage, DiResta gets it done and is the funniest human being that ever lived.

Tickets are \$20 but if you say you're a Lamorinda Weekly reader you get two admissions for price of one.

Don't miss out on this great comedy night at the Orinda Theatre. Be ready to get your laughs on!

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"The Zookeeper's Wife" - PG-13

"Beauty and the Beast" - PG

"The Sense of an Ending" - PG-13

"A United Kingdom" - PG-13

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