

# TT Banquet: Charlie Hill will have you in stitches

If Charlie Hill can't make you laugh, nobody can. The Oneida Indian comedian who has honed his routine on the Richard Pryor Show, David Letterman and the Tonight Show with both Johnny Carson, and Jay Leno will perform for the *Tundra Times Banquet* on Saturday, October 16. The annual fund-raising event will also feature the musical talents of Mark Hoover, and an outcry auction conducted by Oliver Leavitt and Sam Kito.

Hailing from Wisconsin where he was reservation-raised, Hill has been doing one kind of theatrics or another since childhood. Trained in broadcasting and acting, he eventually moved to Hollywood where he began appearing regularly at the world-famous Comedy Store. There, his talent began to show the influences of his idols, Dick Gregory, Lenny Bruce and

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**"They call us the  
vanishing Americans -  
ever see a  
pilgrim anymore?"**

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***Charlie Hill***

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Richard Pryor. But Hill's work is unique, deeply rooted as it is in the Native American experience. With lightning wit and verbal dexterity, Hill's brand of humor teaches even as it disarms and delights.

For many years, one of the largest social events of the year, the *Tundra Times Banquet* generates important revenue for the paper and this year will also provide funds for the new Tundra Times Alaska Native Journalism Fellowship Program. Details of the fellowship program will be unveiled

at the banquet.

In addition to Hill, singer Mark Hoover will perform a set for an anticipated crowd of more than 1,000 from throughout the state. Hoover, originally from Cordova,

comes from a renowned artistic family. Writing much of his own material, he has been performing throughout the country and doing soundtrack work for Native Ameri-

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can films and videos. He is best known in Alaska for the song he wrote for *Honor of All*, a film about the Alkili Lake Band of Canada and their struggle with alcohol.

This year's banquet will be emceed by Rep. Georgianna Lin-

coln of Rampart and Kenny Blatchford of Seward. Inupiat singer Christina Gloria Gagnon will open the banquet, which will be preceded by a no-host reception. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the banquet at 7:30; both events will be held at

the Egan Convention Center.

Tickets for the banquet are \$50 and may be purchased from *Tundra Times*; however, sales have been brisk and reservations should be made promptly by calling 274-2512.