

Janelle James and Jay Leno Join 2026 Aces of Comedy Lineup at MGM Grand

Tickets on Sale Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m. PT

LAS VEGAS (May 18, 2026) – MGM Grand announced additional headliners joining the **2026 Aces of Comedy** series at the **MGM Grand Theater**, including comedy star **Jay Leno** returning to the stage and Emmy-nominated actress and comedian **Janelle James** making her venue debut.

Tickets for the 2026 Aces of Comedy series shows go on sale **Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m. PT** and can be purchased online at mgmgrand.com, ticketmaster.com or at any MGM Resorts box office. Members of MGM Rewards, MGM Resorts International's loyalty program, will receive access to a pre-sale **Thursday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to Friday, May 22 at 9:59 a.m.** Guests must be 16 years of age or older to attend all shows, and those under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.



The Aces of Comedy series is best known for its impressive roster of comedians, showcasing both stand-up legends and rising stars. Guests can look forward to laugh-out-loud moments and sharp wit from each comedian, guaranteeing an evening of unforgettable entertainment. The diverse range of talent Aces of Comedy offers continues to reinforce MGM Grand's position as the premier Las Vegas comedy destination.

JANELLE JAMES

- Friday, June 19
- Tickets start at \$45 (not including taxes and service fees)

Janelle James stars in the scene-stealing role of 'Ava Coleman' in the Emmy Award-nominated ABC comedy series "Abbott Elementary." James has received multiple accolades for her performance, including a 2026 Critic's Choice win for "Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series" and four consecutive Emmy Award nominations for "Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series," as well as nominations for Golden Globe, Independent Spirit and Gotham Awards. James also earned the 2023 NAACP Image Award for "Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series," nominations for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 NAACP Image Awards for "Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series" and three nominations for the Television Critics Association Award for "Individual Achievement in Comedy." Next, James will film her highly anticipated Netflix Comedy Special. Previously, James served as both a writer and actor for Showtime's "Black Monday" and Apple's animated series "Central Park," and her stand-up career has included touring with Chris Rock, Amy Schumer and David Cross, among others. James' latest stand-up special is featured in Season 3 of Netflix's "The Standups." Her comedic chops have featured her as one of Variety's Top Ten Comedians to Watch in 2020 and a "New Face" at the Just For Laughs Festival Montreal in 2016 while also being named one of The 50 Most Funny People in Brooklyn in the same year. Her debut comedy album "Black and Mild" was released on all major streaming networks in 2017 to rave reviews. James' hosting duties have included the 2023 Writers Guild of America Awards and the 2022 ABC game show "The Final Straw." She also took over the Eugene Mirman Comedy Festival, now known as the Janelle James Comedy Festival in Brooklyn.

JAY LENO

- Saturday, Sept. 5
- Tickets start at \$65 (not including taxes and service fees)

Widely characterized as "the hardest working man in show business," **Jay Leno** dominated late night television ratings with two decades as the host of the No.1-rated "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Currently, Leno produces and is host "Jay Leno's Garage" YouTube Channel, which has an international following and garnered several Emmy Awards and nominations for Outstanding Special Class-Short-Format Nonfiction Programs. When not on television, Leno performs more than 100 stand-up shows annually across the world; participates in numerous charity and corporate events; does voice-overs for animated series; pens children's books; and writes a monthly column in various automotive magazines. Leno is the recipient of many honors, including receiving an Emmy, People's Choice, and TV Guide awards, the Harris Poll selection as most popular star on television, the Hasty Pudding Award at Harvard University, The Mark Twain Prize, the Patriot Award given by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, and being the first person to drive the pace car of all major NASCAR events.

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