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Saget cleans up his act a little on latest tour



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Bob Saget will perform at the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake Saturday. (Photo by Stephen Seebeck)

Fans have spent a lifetime getting to know Bob Saget in one way or another.

From his years as the straitlaced Danny Tanner on “Full House” to his more recent raunchy stage act and salacious novelty songs, the lifelong funny man has made a career out of what he knows best — himself.

The 55-year-old comedian, who also hosted “America’s Funniest Home Videos” and appeared on episodes of “Entourage” and “Louie,” is poised for his next inappropriate adventure, a new stand-up tour.

The two-handed performance, which includes a comedy routine and new slate of songs, will make its way to the Raue Center for the Arts in northwest suburban Crystal Lake on Saturday.

That includes new songs about relationships “that are all inappropriate, including one where I am in love with a woman in a nursing home,” Saget said in a phone interview.

The show also includes less profanity-laced tirades “to get back at my mother,” who over the years has come to appreciate her foul-mouthed son, he said.

“People say I’m a bluish act, but not really compared to what others are doing,” Saget said. “However, it is what people might of thought when they saw me as a sitcom character or on a blooper show.”

In Crystal Lake, patrons can expect a town meeting-like atmosphere, complete with crowd interaction and the occasional back-and-forth banter.

“That is fun for me because I don’t know where it will take me,” he said. “It’s all about that night, and entertaining those people that work hard. It hasn’t been the best year for a lot of people, and my job is to give them a great night.”

Over the years, his wide range of work has also helped build a “real audience.”

“The cat’s out of the bag...really out of the bag,” he said. “I have a relationship with those who have watched different works I have done. It’s like they know you, and you make them laugh.”

Influenced by comedians George Carlin, Richard Pryor and Rodney Dangerfield, the veteran performer doesn’t see his career slowing down any time soon.

“I always feel like I am at the midway point, but that would make me 110,” Saget said. “I don’t see myself ever stopping, but as I get older you may see me behind the camera more.”

He previously performed at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, and has made appearances at the Chicago Theatre, Zanies Comedy Club in Chicago and Improv Comedy Club in Schaumburg.

The tour begins Friday at the Orpheum Theatre in Madison, and includes dates in New York, Orlando and Las Vegas. The shows are for adults 18 and older.

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