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'Full House' star Bob Saget brings stand-up to Crystal Lake

So who really is Bob Saget? Is he the lovable Danny Tanner on "Full House"? Is he a celebrity with outrageous demands like he was on "Entourage?"

Audiences may find out when he performs 8 p.m. Saturday at The Raue Center For The Arts, 26 N. Williams St., in Crystal Lake.

"I'm not trying to shock anybody," Saget said about what the audience at the Raue can expect on Saturday. "Actually, my stuff is much tamer."

During his current tour, Saget is doing his stand-up routine and performing a few songs about things such as "me dating someone in a nursing home."

Besides the stop in Crystal Lake, this short tour also has the former "Full House" star performing dates in Las Vegas, Orlando and New York. "The places I'm playing the next couple months are places I just wanted to play," he said.

Those coming to the show Saturday may try getting to know Saget a little better through his Twitter account. The comedian has more than a million followers on the social media site.

"It's a promotional tool sometimes and other times it's 'oh, this is funny,'" Saget said about his success on Twitter.

A lot of times, the "oh, this is funny" moment comes when Saget finds a funny photo of an animal doing something odd. He likens posting the photos and commenting on them to his gig hosting "America's Funniest Home Videos." Saget would show viewer-submitted videos on the show while providing commentary through a variety of characters.

"It was a blooper show with voices, bad voices," Saget said. "Sometimes when I look at pictures (on Twitter), it's what I did on there."

While Saget gained a family friendly reputation from his time hosting the video show as well as his wholesome role on "Full House," he also has a raunchy side. This is mostly evident on the TV show, "Entourage," and, most notoriously, in the movie, "The Aristocrats." In the 2005 documentary, various comedians take turns putting their own spin on a classic dirty joke that has been told in the industry since the vaudeville days.

The joke involves a family visiting a talent agent as they are trying to get into show business. Many of the comedians in the film told it with their own style of vulgarity. Saget took the filth to another level. During the filming, he spent more than 10 minutes telling the story of a family performing acts of incest and covering the room in feces.

"I never let my youngest daughter or my mother watch it," Saget said.

"The Aristocrats" is directed by fellow performers Penn Jillette and Paul Provenza. Both were in the room the day Saget was filmed telling the joke in the backroom of a comedy club.

"They were going 'c'mon Saget, do it,'" he said.

The family in the joke may be fictitious, but Saget thinks an act like that one day might be allowed in front of audiences.

"Culturally, we're not at that point, but we're really ... close," he said. "I'd watch a show about that family. They could go to different agents every week."

Audiences have seen many sides of Saget during his career, which really took off when "Full House" launched in 1987. On the sitcom, Saget's character, widower Danny Tanner, enlists the help of his friend, Joey Gladstone (played by Dave Coulier) and his brother-in-law, Jesse Katsopolis (John Stamos), to help raise his three daughters.

Saget sees a little bit of himself in each of the characters he's played, even Danny Tanner.

"I do own a Dust Buster. I am a kind person," Saget said when comparing himself to his "Full House" character.

Saget more recently had a recurring role on HBO's "Entourage." While he was listed as playing himself, Saget says it's more of a parody of himself. He's not exactly that same guy who shows up at a talent agency asking to have sex with his girlfriend on the boss' couch.

"The guy on 'Entourage' is not me, but yesterday, I was in a jacuzzi with a robe on," Saget said.

Even with all of the television appearances, Saget isn't coming off the road as a stand-up comedian any time soon.

"It just comes out of you," Saget said of being a comedian. "Once you're a standup [comedian], you know how to do it. It just kind of happens by itself... It's hard to explain. It's like a hard drive. You always have the wiring."

BOB SAGET

WHEN: 8 p.m. Nov. 5

WHERE: Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake

TICKETS: \$59, \$62, \$65 at

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