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**LAUGHTER WITH A MISSION - HEALING THROUGH LAUGHTER SINCE 2012**

**WHAT:** Laughter With A Mission (LWAM) – OPEN MIC  
**WHEN:** Thursday – October 20, 2016 - 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
**WHERE:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014

**WHO:** **Our homeless community and guest comedians. . .**  
**Grant Cotter:** Cotter's comedy has a remarkably broad range and is filled with tightly written jokes and spot on observations. Stepping off of the stand-up stage, Cotter has made appearances on MTV's "RetroMania," was featured in the Dr Pepper "One of a Kind" campaign, and in 2013, was named one of OC Weekly's "Top Five Comics to Watch." Cotter is Currently a cast member on MTV's "Jerks With Cameras," in 2014 Cotter made his TV stand-up debut on BounceTV's "Off the Chain," completed work on the documentary "Dying Laughing," and wrapped a supporting role in the Jonathan Talbert directed feature "Spare Change." As a writer, Grant created the pilot "Taken For Granted" which is a two hander based on his life.

**Frazer Smith:** Frazer Smith is not only one of the funniest comics on the LA scene today, he is also one of comedy's most well connected personalities. Frazer is undoubtedly a MADE MAN in the comedy business. After 30 years in the business as a comedian, Frazer has made stops on Numerous TV shows as well as being one of the nation's most listened to Radio Jock's on 95.5 KLOS for years on end! You may also recognize Frazer as the host on NBC's "Rockin' America"!

**Joe Sib:** Sib, founder and co-conspirator of SideOneDummy Records for over twenty years has quickly climbed up the ranks of the comedy scene. In 2011 his nationally acclaimed, "California Calling: Growing up Punk," solidified his success as comedic storyteller. In a twist of irony, his tales of youthful rebellion and irritating his own parents now serve his audience a blend of karmic stand up comedy as he attempts to navigate his own role as a father of two. In 2014, Joe launched the monthly SideOneDummy Storytellers show in Hollywood. He has performed at the SF Sketchfest, Bridgetown Comedy Festival, Fun Fun Fun Fest, FYF Fest, Odd Ball Comedy Festival is a local at the Hollywood Laugh Factory and Improv Comedy clubs. When he's not lamenting his lost youth or fatherhood, Joe hosts the Complete Control radio show on 98.7FM in Los Angeles and nationally select cities and is co host of the popular parenting podcast Rad Parenting.

**WHY:** Laughter With A Mission (LWAM) aims to entertain and inspire those living on Skid Row. The open mic format allows individuals to showcase talents that would normally go unnoticed in our day to day community. Like all of our With A Mission events, LWAM is meant to bring our community together. Our guest comedians host and provide laughter while our homeless and near-homeless guests perform anything from a stand-up routine to a stirring spoken word piece. It is an intimate setting, which provides an opportunity for performers to answer questions and/or talk about their performance. We encourage performers to invite their fan base so they can engage and enjoy a special performance with individuals they would not normally encounter in their daily lives.

**We are currently looking for sponsors for this ever-growing community event. If you are interested, please contact Georgia Berkovich at 213-624-4588 or [gberkovich@midnightmission.org](mailto:gberkovich@midnightmission.org).**

**About The Midnight Mission:** Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost direction. Our emergency services and 12-step recovery, family living, job training, education and workforce development programs offer a compassionate bridge to achieve and maintain healthy, productive lives. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit [www.midnightmission.org](http://www.midnightmission.org).