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“Loveable Queen of Mean” Lisa Lampanelli joins the ranks of comedy stars to tape national television specials from Santa Rosa Tickets Available for November 21 HBO Taping

Santa Rosa, CA (November 12, 2008) - Dubbed by *The New York Times* as the "Lovable Queen of Mean," Lisa Lampanelli has captured the hearts of fans with her no-holds-barred, insult comedy style. Her ability to make people laugh at their own stereotypes and differences helped her conquer the club scenes, find her way to theaters across the country, and has led to her first-ever HBO special scheduled for taping November 21 at Santa Rosa's Wells Fargo Center for the Arts.

The taping, which will occur at two standup concerts on November 21 (7pm and 10pm), represents the fourth national television special hosted by Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, which is quickly solidifying its reputation as the "best comedy house in the country." Previous television specials presented from the Santa Rosa arts center include: Kathy Griffin's "Everybody Can Suck It" presented by Bravo network in 2007, George Carlin's "It's Bad For Ya" Emmy nominated HBO special in March 2008, and Dana Carvey's HBO special "Squatting Monkeys Tell No Lies," also in March 2008.

In addition to touring nationally and taping her first HBO special, Lisa Lampanelli is also working on her autobiography *The World According to Lisa: The Queen of Mean's Guide to the Universe* (which will come out Fall 2009), and has just recently signed a pilot deal with HBO for her own sitcom, with none other than Jim Carrey on board to executive produce.

Lampanelli is widely recognized for wickedly sharp appearances on the Comedy Central roasts of such talent as Pamela Anderson, Chevy Chase, and Flava Flav. She is also known for her two Comedy Central standup specials. The CD of her second special *Dirty Girl* went on to earn a Grammy nomination.

Lisa's career is well on the fast track, garnering recent coverage in *The New York Times* (who said Lisa "talks like a truck driver but resembles a '50s housewife in her pearls, shirtwaist dresses and button-down sweaters), *San Francisco Chronicle*, and many outlets across the country. As one of the few white comedians to perform on BET's "Comic View," Lisa has cemented her huge crossover appeal.

Tickets (\$39.50) for Lisa Lampanelli's November 21 (7pm and 10pm) are available at the box office located at 50 Mark West Springs Road in Santa Rosa, by phone at 707.546.3600, and online at wellsfargocenterarts.org

A non-profit community arts center, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is home to world-class performances, nationally recognized education programs, contemporary sculpture, and many popular events. The Arts Center is located in the heart of the Sonoma Wine Country and ranked among California's top performing arts presenters. Together with its resident companies, the Center presents more than 100 performances each year in music, dance, theater, renowned speakers, and comedy; and education programs serving 30,000 children and adults annually. Owned and operated by the Luther Burbank Memorial Foundation, the Center relies on charitable community donations to achieve its mission – to enrich, educate, and entertain.