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Five Questions With ...

Darcy Michael

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Capital Pride's Laugh Out Proud V presents headliner Darcy Michael at Yuk Yuk's on Elgin St. from Thursday to Saturday. The following is an edited interview with the Vancouver comedian.

24H > Your onstage persona suggests you're happy as long as you've got your family, your weed and people laugh at your jokes. Is that accurate?

MICHAEL > Oh, totally. I think actually you're the first one that's kind of hit it dead on the head like that. There's only three things I need in life and you got 'em all there... and maybe a drive-through now and then.

24H > What was it like coming of age as a gay man, not conforming to any stereotype?

MICHAEL > I certainly tried to fit into the mould, but there's not enough wax in the world to get rid of the hair on my body. When I started standup I realized I didn't have to be any certain way and by not being that way it made me different and better, as myself.

24H > Do you get nervous if it feels like the audience hasn't

laughed in awhile?

MICHAEL > I guess you always have that anxiety in you, but at the end of the day (I've) got the easiest job in the world, to make people laugh. If you don't make people laugh, it's not the end of the world.

24H > Does your patriotism stop you from going to the States to chase fame and fortune?

MICHAEL > I think anyone in any career wants to make money, but I love this country. Where else can I live the life I live? I'm prescribed medical marijuana (for rheumatoid arthritis and fibromyalgia), I'm married to a dude, I'm a dad and I tell jokes for a living. I can't find another country in the world that would make me as happy as this one. I'm ridiculously patriotic and it drives people nuts.

24H > What can we look forward to at your Yuk Yuk's appearances?

MICHAEL > I just debuted a new show in Vancouver called the *Gayest Show on Earth* and I'm going to take a lot of material from that. The lesbians will probably hate me, but whatever, they hate everybody. That's actually not true, they love me, but only because I look like them.

