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To: 122105-35904975@requests.muckrock.com

Tue, Dec 14, 2021 at 9:50 AM

December 14, 2021

Good morning, Mr. Simons:

A few comments to help process your multi-part request

1. Over the years, we have found the MuckRock platform unreliable. We send messages and they are not received by the requester. **If you have a direct email address, please share so we may use that mode of communication.**

2. The Maryland Public records law states that an *acknowledgement* of the inquiry will be sent within 10 business days. This correspondence will serve as the statutorily-required acknowledgement of your request that must be sent within 10 business days of receipt of your inquiry, the "TDL."

The University of Maryland, College Park (the "University") has begun processing your public records request under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Article ("GP") §§4-101 to 4-601 (the "Act").

I write now to advise you that it will take the University more than ten (10) business days to process your multi-part request. The University works to complete the review process for all requests within thirty calendar (30) days from the date a request is received. However, pursuant to GP 4-203(d), because your request will involve time to search, retrieve and review the records, we request your consent to an extension of time. Beyond this, the University handles a large volume of matters impacting processing time. In addition, the University will be closed for operations from December 24, 2021 to January 2, 2022. Nevertheless, the University continues to process all requests as diligently as possible.

The Act, at Section 4-206, permits the University to charge for the search, preparation and reproduction of a public record, excluding the first two (2) hours. As to the cost -- after granting you the first two (2) hours of processing at no charge -- we expect that fulfillment of your requests *may* generate a fee between \$50 to \$100. A more exact calculation will depend on the time to be expended and the actual hourly rates of the individual staff and attorneys who must conduct the review. **In any event, we will inform you of any estimated fee prior to initiation of the task.**

3. The University will be closed December 24, 2021 to January 2, 2022.

4. For each of your 7 requests, you say "*Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from..*" Are you essentially interested in the contracts for the talent secured for the event? For example, if chairs had to be rented for an event, do you want the chair rental contract as well? If so, please be aware that additional aspect will add to the time needed for processing and potential expense related to your multi-part request. **The University shall await your clarification.**

Sincerely,  
Laura Anderson Wright

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From: &lt;122105-35904975@requests.muckrock.com&gt;

Date: Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 9:08 PM

Subject: Maryland Public Information Act Request: Comedy Shows

To: &lt;PublicInformationAct@umd.edu&gt;

University of Maryland College Park  
PIA Office  
2101 Main Administration Bldg  
College Park, MD 20742

December 13, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

- 1) Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from the October 28, 2021 Homecoming event with Jimmy O. Yang and Aristotle Athari at Ritchie Coliseum: <https://www.see.umd.edu/hcs21>
- 2) Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from the November 27, 2020 Virtual Homecoming event with Hasan Minhaj: <https://umdwritersbloc.com/2020/11/22/hasan-minhaj-headlines-the-pandemic-edition-of-sees-homecoming-comedy-show/>
- 3) Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from the August 26, 2019 Homecoming event with John Mulaney at the Xfinity Center: <https://www.see.umd.edu/hcs>
- 4) Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from the February 12, 2019 event with Ilana Glazer and Shalewa Sharpe in the Stamp Student Union Grand Ballroom: <https://www.see.umd.edu/springcomedy>
- 5) Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from the October 11, 2018 Homecoming event with Ali Wong at Ritchie Coliseum: <https://www.see.umd.edu/hcs18>  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/ritchie-coliseum/homecoming-comedy-show-featuring-ali-wong/733304270376078/>
- 6) Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from the October 26, 2017 Homecoming event with Hasan Minhaj at Ritchie Coliseum: <https://www.see.umd.edu/hcs17>
- 7) Any contracts, agreements, or documentation stemming from the November 5, 2015 Homecoming event with Hannibal Buress at the Cole Field House: <https://www.facebook.com/events/cole-field-house/homecoming-comedy-show-ft-hannibal-buress/469886856548207/>

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Seth Simons

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*Clifton Strengths:* Discipline, Harmony, Achiever, Developer, Focus

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