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NORM CROSBY, MASTER OF THE MALAPROP, DEBUTS NOV. 11 AT NORTHERN QUEST CASINO

SPOKANE, Wa. (Oct. 22) – Norm Crosby, whose comic butchery of the English language has made him an audience favorite for more than 50 years, makes his Northern Quest Casino debut with a special matinee performance Nov. 11.

Show time in the Pend Oreille Pavilion is 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and \$40 and are available at the Northern Quest box office at 509-481-6700 or through TicketsWest at (800) 325-7328 or ticketswest.com

Known as the master of the malaprop, which is the unintentional use of a word by confusing it with one that sounds familiar, Crosby patterned his comic signature after the 1940s comedy movie actor Leo Gorcey of “The Dead End Kids” and “The Bowery Boy” films.

But Crosby is more than a one-trick pony. He has a quick and devastating wit, which he combines with his malapropisms to create a wickedly funny act. In addition to headlining throughout the country, Crosby was one of the most sought-after co-stars in America’s nightclubs and appeared regularly with Tom Jones, Dean Martin, Tony Orlando and others.

Crosby, who has an “everyman” approach to his work and developed blue-collar audience appeal, appeared regularly on television programs like “The Ed Sullivan Show,” “Laugh-In” and “The Dean Martin Show” and made regular appearances with Johnny Carson on “The Tonight Show” and on “The Merv Griffin Show.”

He was also a pioneer of the television comedy showcase, and his 1978 series “Norm Crosby’s Comedy Shop” provided the initial television exposure for many of today’s top comedians, including Brad Garrett and comedy actor Nathan Lane.

Known as much for his charitable endeavors as his comedy; he’s been one of the hosts of Jerry Lewis’ annual Labor Day telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for 25 years.

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