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## **National Lampoon Live: Frank Caliendo Unleashed CD Review**

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Frank Caliendo Un-Leashed is a collection of 5 stand up comedians performing for the National Lampoon tour. Highlighting this comedy collection is Frank TV's Frank Caliendo, who

also serves as MC for the event.

Frank Caliendo starts off the comedy, doing several of his more famous impersonations, including Al Pacino, John Madden and the Seinfeld Cast. The Pacino bits I found the funniest with the Madden and Seinfeld material being the same stuff he does all the time. Frank is easily the funniest guy on the cd though and his tracks are a fun listen.

Next out is Rob Cantrell, a runner up from the television show, Last Comic Standing. I have never seen the show but if he finished in the top few spots, I will probably pass on it. Cantrell appears to be trying to distance himself from the prime time show, focusing on "blue material." I have no problem with off color humor but it has to be humorous, which this wasn't at all.

Alonzo Bodden was a welcome change after the Rob Cantrell tracks. He has some pretty funny material on racism. The "I'm not racist, except in traffic..." bit was some of the funniest material on the cd.

Adding a female comedic touch to the collection is Bonnie McFarlane. Her material was mediocre, sticking with the standard topics of comedic women. Unfortunately it was not really memorable and there was nothing particularly standout or unique in her tracks.

Finally the cd ends with comedian Gary Gulman. Gary was probably the funniest comedian in this collection. He had some funny skits about such things as cheerleaders and self adhesive postage stamps that had me laughing. Overall he was a good closing act to an otherwise average offering.

## Tracks

1. Football / More Seinfeld 2. Pacino 3. Television 4. Strip Clubs 5. Edgy Comic 6. Airport Security 7. Bed, Bath &... 8. Psycho Chicks 9. Communicating 10. Neighbors 11. Homeless, The 12. 4 Inch Heels 13. Modern Technology 14. Cheerleaders 15. Cookies 16. Zoology

Unfortunately, I was not overly impressed with this compilation of stand up performances. Perhaps something is lost when you take away the visual aspect of these performers but I did not find myself laughing very much as I listened. For those Frank Calliendo fans out there, I would probably have to recommend just picking up one of his cds instead of National Lampoon's Unleashed.

## Not Recommended

National Lampoon Live Un-Leashed is available beginning March 10th, courtesy of Uproar Entertainment and MVD releasing.

To switch for National Lampoon Live Un-Leashed or to purchase it from Amazon.com, click here.