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"HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!
DURST IS AT HIS SLY, SAVVY BEST.
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"SMASHING 'BASHING!'
WILL DURST IS THE NATURAL SUCCESSOR
TO MORT SAHL." - *The New York Post*

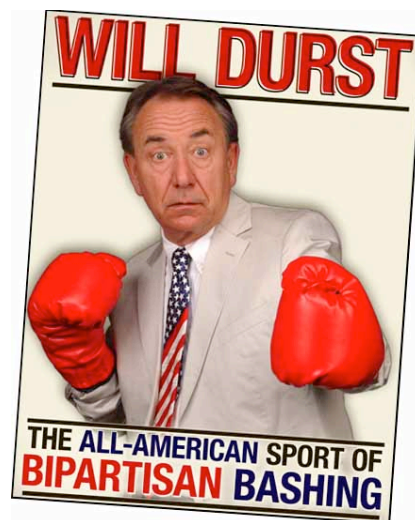
HANGING CHAD PRODUCTIONS
JENNIFER SACHS AND ALLEN SPIVAK PRESENT

WILL DURST

THE ALL-AMERICAN SPORT OF BIPARTISAN BASHING

DIRECTED BY ERIC KREBS

OFF-BROADWAY AT NEW WORLD STAGES



Talk about a *Patriot's Act*... Political satirist and pundit **Will Durst** brings his newest work, *The All-American Sport of Bipartisan Bashing*, to New York. Hanging Chad Productions, Jennifer Sachs and Allen Spivak present the open-ended off-Broadway engagement at New World Stages (340 West 50th Street). *Will Durst: The All-American Sport of Bipartisan Bashing* is directed by Eric Krebs and features a production design by Peter Feuchtwanger.

"One may or may not be a regular CNN viewer or Newsweek reader, but that doesn't mean that one has to suffer Bushes gladly," says Durst. "*The All-American Sport of Bipartisan Bashing* is a 90 minute political comedy for people who are sick of politics as usual. We laugh to keep from crying, right? And with a president, two houses of Congress and endless parade of presidential hopefuls making daily punch lines out of headlines, I've got the best joke-writers in the business working for me."

The show opened in August to rave reviews with *The New York Times* reporting that Durst is "cracking people up for 90-minutes in a sharp one man show" and the *New York Post* hailing Durst as "the natural successor to Mort Sahl." And for once, both the liberal left and the conservative right agree on something with Air America Radio calling Durst "one of the greatest commentators of all things political," and Fox News Radio hailing him as "a great political satirist! One of the funniest guys around!"

Based in San Francisco, Will Durst has practiced his craft for over 30 years and has made more than 400 television appearances, including "Countdown with Keith Olberman," "Crossfire," CNN, Fox News, Comedy Central, "Good Morning America," "Last Comic Standing," C-SPAN, "The Today Show," "The Late Show With David Letterman" and "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." He has been nominated for five Emmy Awards and was the recipient of seven consecutive nominations for American Comedy Awards Stand Up of the Year. Most recently he was the co-host with Willie Brown, former mayor of San Francisco, on the morning drive time show on San Francisco's KQKE.

Will Durst: The All-American Sport of Bipartisan Bashing plays at New World Stages (340 West 50th Street) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday at 3:00 p.m.. Tickets go on sale June 25th and are \$30 - \$50. \$20.00 student rush tickets are available at all performances 20 minutes prior to curtain with valid student ID. Call Telecharge.com at 212-239-6200. Visit www.willdurst.com/.

WILL DURST

“Quite possibly the best political satirist working in the country today.”

-The New York Times

“A modern day Will Rogers.”

-The Boston Globe

“A new wave hysterical hybrid of Hunter S. Thompson and Charles Osgood.”

- The Chicago Tribune

“Heir apparent to Mort Sahl and Dick Gregory.”

- The San Francisco Examiner

“He’s an equal opportunity offender with a restless mind and delicious sense of language. Where most comedians give us attitude, Durst brings style and has one thing in common with the best: a sense of moral outrage.”

- The Los Angeles Times

“Will Durst has gotten so good, it’s scary.”

-The San Francisco Chronicle

“A cross between a living editorial cartoon and a stand-up journalist.”

- The Seattle Times

“Will Durst is the thinking man’s comic.”

- The Oakland Tribune

“Enter Will Durst who just happens to be this country’s best political satirist. A dapper chap with just the right sense of whimsy, Durst is an equal-opportunity slayer of bloated political dragons, making him a solid choice for folks who enjoy witty and thought-provoking comedy. Simply in a league of his own.”

- Las Vegas Review- Journal

“Durst’s set was brilliant, among the most clever and inventive standup comedy routines I’ve ever heard. An urbane guerilla with a keen eye for the ridiculous.”

- The Independent (London)

“Regardless of your political affiliation, Durst delivers. If you’re fed up with politics, you’ll suddenly love it again after an earful of Will Durst.”

- The Oregonian

“Acerbic wit, wicked glee, and verbal brilliance. Uses his storehouse of knowledge on a variety of subjects as inventively as the best writers.”

- The St. Paul Pioneer Press-Dispatch

“Will Durst may well be the most brilliant political satirist operating in America today.”

- The Milwaukee Journal- Sentinel

“★★★★★!

A delightfully acerbic performance by a consummate cartoonist of words.”

- The Scotsman

“The man’s talent as a comedian shines through every line he delivers.”

- Time Out London



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DURST-ISMS

*"George W. Bush is my own personal full employment act.
He's like if Reagan and Quayle had a kid. Quagan."*

*"The reason the Democrats are so intent on passing a stem-cell bill is they're
depending on the research to grow themselves a spine."*

"Bush isn't dumb, he's just a Wheel of Fortune President in a Jeopardy world."

*"The Clintons got \$20 million for their autobiographies.
Seems like a lot of money for the memoirs of 2 people who for 8 years testified
under oath, they couldn't remember a single thing."*

*"Every time I hear the oil companies talk about solar energy I worry they've
developed a plan to block out the sun."*

*"What is the deal with Arnold Schwarzenegger's marriage to Maria Shriver?
What is that: phase one in a genetic experiment to breed
a bullet-proof Kennedy?"*

*"As Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi follows Dick Cheney in
Presidential succession. That means she's only two chicken bones
away from the Presidency. And Bush does not look like a picky eater."*

*"Bush claims he wants to work with the Democrats.
Yeah, right. The same way a 5-year-old with a magnifying glass
wants to work with ants."*

*"How exactly does Congress plan on building a 700 mile
long, 15 foot high fence on the Mexican border without
using Mexican labor? What are they going to do,
draft housewives from La Jolla?"*

*"People like the President because he seems like
a guy you could have a beer with.
But now it's time to take away the car keys."*



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