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Bob Saget stage show is full of surprises for the 'Full House' fans; Standup routine he'll perform at the Port Theatre Saturday night is not family-friendly

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For those of you who lovingly remember Bob Saget as the host of America's Funniest Home Videos, or Danny Tanner on ABC's Full House, you might want to preserve your wholesome memories and avoid this story and the Port Theatre on Saturday when he comes to Nanaimo to perform his stand-up comedy routine.

But, if you're feeling adventurous and your sense of humour has graduated from prime-time Pablum to the upper echelons of self-deprecation and observations of the cruder side of humanity, then Saturday night's performance might be right up your alley.

After stealing the show in *The Aristocrats*, a film about the dirtiest joke ever conceived, and appearances on HBO's *Entourage* as himself, Saget has managed to separate himself completely from his previous television life.

Now he's on tour again in Canada, bringing with him his interactive schtick and musical jokes. Saget, once known for repeating terribly lame jokes that followed videos of kids kicking their dads between the legs, told the Daily News that he covered up his inner turmoil whenever he delivered those innocent punchlines in front of millions of viewers.

"I was dying inside or thinking it was super hilarious," he said.

His wry smile after each zinger was the result of "a lot of material running in my head after the jokes," the type of stuff that you can't really run on a bloopers show at 7 p.m. on Sunday, he said, though it should be just perfect for the Port Theatre.

Saget's show involves a raw interaction with the audience before he gets musical. Yes, Bob Saget plays the guitar and sings a few of his jokes.

You'll have to see it to believe it, or search the Internet's modern version of Funniest Home Videos, or YouTube as it is called, for proof.

If you've seen him in HBO'S *Entourage* and the documentary, *The Aristocrats*, you'll be prepared for the stark contrast between his family-friendly TV fare and his current act.

Canada has always been close to Saget's heart, not just because we share a language, making it easier to tour here, but because it is a "mighty and brilliant country," he said.

"I revere so many comedians that are Canadian."

One of them he met in Ottawa while doing an audience act. He ended up picking on a kid with big, curly hair he said. That kid turned out to be Norm MacDonald. Since then, Saget has worked with MacDonald and been his target in Comedy Central's Bob Saget Roast.

The first nine rows are \$59.50 each and the rest are \$49.50. Because Saget draws so much from the audience, it might be wise to grab front-row seats.

The show begins at 8 p.m. on Jan. 21 and tickets are available online at www.porttheatre.com.

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