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## **Durant Branch Library to Host Virtual Discussion on Native American Comedy with Bestselling Author Kliph Nesteroff and Actor Tai Leclair**

**Los Angeles** (June 3, 2021)—The Will & Ariel Durant Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library will host a virtual discussion on Native American comedy with bestselling author and comedy historian Kliph Nesteroff and actor and writer Tai Leclair on Thursday, June 10, at 2 p.m. Email [durant@lapl.org](mailto:durant@lapl.org) for the Zoom link.

“We invite the public to join us in this event with Nesteroff, the preeminent historian and scholar of American comedy, and Leclair, an up-and-coming Native American comedian,” said John Frank, the branch’s Senior Librarian. “This discussion on the history and future of Native Americans in stand-up comedy is bound to be entertaining and provocative.”

Nesteroff is the author of the critically acclaimed book *The Comedians: Drunks, Thieves, Scoundrels and the History of American Comedy* and the recent *We Had a Real Estate Problem*. He has been hailed as the “human encyclopedia of comedy” by *Vice* magazine and the “king of comedy lore” by *Los Angeles* magazine.

Leclair is a Native American writer, actor and performer on NBC Peacock’s *Rutherford Falls*. He was a house performer at Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre and has also entertained at festivals around the country including Austin Sketch Fest and Philly Sketch Fest. He has studied at Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, Second City Theatre Chicago, The People’s Improv Theatre, and The Barrow Group Theatre.

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