

Reverend Bob cranks up a riveting comedy revue

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The **Reverend Bob Levy** is reeling these days, but loving it. If the medium is the message, Levy is a full answering machine. He's doing terrestrial radio, satellite, stand-up, writing and running a club.

But tonight it's all for fun.

Levy and his oddball comic friends will be at the House of Blues at Showboat with their tour, **Killers of Comedy**.

"We each do our 10 or 15 or 25 minutes, and sometimes we get on each other's nerves, but basically, we're friends and supportive and, since it is mostly our kind of audience, it can't be anything but a great show," said Levy.

Levy rose to fame doing raunch comedy - his most famous act involving eating onstage from orifices not generally talked about in family dinner-table conversation.

His appearances on Howard Stern's radio show have led to his own show, "Miserable Men," from 7-9 p.m. Sundays on Howard 101, Stern's Sirius Radio channel.

He also is the head writer for the Kidd Chris morning show on WYSP (94.1 FM).

"That means I go through 200 to 300 pages a day of jokes and lines," said a weary Levy by phone from his Deptford, N.J., home recently, after having done four hours of the show.

"It doesn't mean Chris or anyone there uses it all, but you throw in punch lines and other things, and it keeps your mind active."

In December, Levy opened Levy's Comedy Club at the Ramada Inn on Bristol Pike in Levittown. He appears there on occasion, but in the coming weeks, he has induced such name comics as Stern sidekick Arte Lange, "Good Times" Jimmy Walker and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Colin Quinn to perform.

The Killers of Comedy tour, though, is a high-energy thrill, Levy said.

In rapid succession, the audience at the House of Blues will see Levy's "Miserable Men" co-host Shuli, then Stern-o-phile Sal "The Stockbroker" Governale, followed by crank phone calling Jim Florentine and Yucko the Clown, before Levy's routine.

Then Levy and Shuli introduce former World Wrestling Entertainment

wrestling star the Iron Sheik, and the oddball mumblemouth Beetlejuice.

"By the time Beetle is on, the crowd is really going wild," said Levy.

"You never know what he is going to say. And the Sheik, he just feeds off the crowd, telling stories of wrestling in whatever area we are in."

A special treat tonight is the opening act, the **Fred Norris Band**, a hard-rock group headed by longtime Stern show participant Norris.

"It will just make everything more special. It's exciting to have music, too, not just us nutty guys," Levy said.

Levy tells his comic troops that they are obligated to interact with the audience, so most often, after a show, several of them will come out to do autographs or chat up fans.

"We may be rough-edged on stage, but we hang out with the fans afterwards, so everyone should enjoy it. I don't think a lot of people do that, but I know that is how you keep fans," said Levy, who characterized the Killers crowd as a little bit older, long-term Stern fans in particular.

"The Howard Stern people bring some friends, and the Kidd Chris people bring friends, so everyone knows what to expect.

"We're all a little bit different, not just three comics all talking about sitting around smoking pot," said Levy. "Now that would be one boring night." *

House of Blues at Showboat, Boardwalk and Delaware Avenue, 9 tonight, \$27-\$34.50, 609-343-5700, www.hob.com.