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Larry the Cable Guy Joins Principal Charity Classic Pro-Am Field Nebraska-born comedian is avid golfer, leads charitable Git-R-Done Foundation



Larry the Cable Guy will play on Wednesday, June 7, at Wakonda Club.
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DES MOINES (May 31, 2017) – Popular comedian and actor Larry the Cable Guy is bringing his golf game to the 2017 [Principal Charity Classic®](#), presented by Wells Fargo, in Des Moines. The annual event, named the 2016 PGA TOUR Champions Tournament of the Year, is slated for June 6-11 at historic Wakonda Club.

Larry the Cable Guy is a multiplatinum recording artist, Grammy nominee, Billboard award winner and one of the top comedians in the country. Born Daniel Whitney in Pawnee City, Nebraska, he has his own line of Larry the Cable Guy merchandise and continues to sell out theatres and arenas across the United States. His latest comedy special, “We’ve Been Thinking”, can be seen on Netflix, and he will also reprise his role as Mater in upcoming CARS 3 movie this June.

Fans can watch Larry the Cable Guy play in the Wednesday Pro-Am on June 7 at the Principal Charity Classic.

“I love to get out on the golf course and to make people laugh – and hey, when those two things go together, it’s a really good time,” said Larry the Cable Guy, who played in the AT&T Celebrity Challenge at Pebble Beach earlier this year and maintains a 12.8 golf handicap. “A tournament like the Principal Charity Classic is truly awesome. Des Moines is close to home for me, and when I heard this event had raised almost \$10 million for Iowa kids, I wanted to be part of it.”

In addition to his success as Larry the Cable Guy, the Grammy-nominated funnyman is known for his charitable work. In 2009, Whitney and his wife Cara established The [Git-R-Done Foundation](#) – named after his signature catchphrase – to support organizations helping children and veterans. The charitable foundation has made numerous donations, including a \$5 million gift to the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando, Florida, to form The International Hip Dysplasia Institute in 2010. The couple’s son, Wyatt Whitney, was successfully treated for hip dysplasia at the hospital as an infant.

“We’re excited that Larry the Cable Guy was inspired to join us at the 2017 Principal Charity Classic after learning about the tournament’s charitable and community impact, which continues to grow each year,” said Tournament Director Greg Conrad. “He has achieved a lot of success in his career and has made it a personal priority to give back, especially in support of children’s and veteran’s causes. And supporting Iowa kids and the community is what the Principal Charity Classic is all about.”

The Principal Charity Classic raised a record \$2,053,725 for Iowa children’s charities in 2016, bringing the tournament’s 10-year charitable giving total to nearly \$10 million. More than 83,000 spectators attended last year’s tournament.

Get tickets

Tickets to the Principal Charity Classic start at just \$20, and can be purchased online at [principalcharityclassic.com](#) or at the event’s main entrance gate during tournament week.

As a reminder, kids 15 and under may attend the Principal Charity Classic for free if accompanied by a ticketed adult. Complimentary admission is also provided for all active duty, retired and reserve military along with their dependents.

For more information about the Principal Charity Classic, visit [principalcharityclassic.com](#).

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About the Principal Charity Classic

The Principal Charity Classic is an annual PGA TOUR Champions event focused on philanthropic giving. In 2016, the Principal Charity Classic was recognized as the PGA TOUR Champions Tournament of the Year. This premier golf event raises contributions for the tournament’s “**FORE Our Kids**” charities, including: 1) **Tournament Charity Partners**, select organizations that provide a broad level of support to children of Iowa in the areas of education and culture, financial security and stability, and/or health and wellness. These organizations are supported through net proceeds of the tournament; and 2) **Birdies for Charity Partners**, which includes more than 100 additional children’s charities across Iowa that receive support through individual pledges and contributions made prior to and during the tournament.

The 2017 Principal Charity Classic tournament will be played June 6-11, 2017, at Wakonda Club in Des Moines, Iowa. For more information on the charities and the tournament, visit [principalcharityclassic.com](#) and follow via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About PGA TOUR Champions

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of golf’s most recognizable and accomplished players, age 50 and older, including 32 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame.

The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. In 2017, the PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 26 tournaments in 18 states, Japan, Wales and Canada, with purses totaling more than \$55 million. The Charles Schwab Cup, which includes the Regular Season and the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, is used to determine the season-long champion. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air live, tape-delayed or in a highlights-package format in excess of 190 countries and territories, reaching more than 330 million potential households. The PGA TOUR's web site is PGATOUR.COM, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow PGA TOUR Champions at [facebook.com/PGATOURChampions](https://www.facebook.com/PGATOURChampions), on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://www.instagram.com/pgatourchampions).

About the Git-R-Done Foundation

The Git-R-Done Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2009 by Larry the Cable Guy and his wife, Cara, as a focal point for the family's philanthropy. The foundation's mission is highly dedicated to helping children and veterans, one cause at a time, through organizations supporting the focus areas. The Git-R-Done Foundation has made numerous donations, including donations to the Arnold Palmer Foundation for the treatment and cure of hip dysplasia, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital and Operation Homefront. For information or to donate, visit www.gitrdonefoundation.org.