

# IT HAPPENED ON LONG ISLAND



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## 2006: First Annual Long Island Comedy Festival

In August 2005, Massapequa comedian Paul Anthony's Comedy for a Cause was a two-night comedy festival and fundraiser held at Theatre Three in Port Jefferson. The event raised money for the theater and for WALK radio's Kids Campaign. Anthony, who worked as a sales manager for WALK and who won the Huntington Arts Council's "Laf Off" competition in 2005, hosted and performed at the event. The event took off and in 2006, Anthony again stood up for stand-up comedy by organizing the first Long Island Comedy Festival. Anthony's answer to the diminishing Long Island comedy circuit, the event featured 15 comedians who performed at Long Island venues like Theatre Three, Governor's Comedy Club and the Brokerage. The 2008 Long Island Comedy Festival featured performances by comedians such as Keith Anthony, Chris Monty and Bob DiBuono, who performed in Port Jefferson, Port Washington, Riverhead and Westhampton Beach throughout the summer. Paul Anthony is shown here in a 2005 photo. — Amy Wagner

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