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# ALI SIDDIQ "IN THE SHADOWS" TOUR COMING TO RALEIGH'S MARTIN MARIETTA CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS JUNE 20, 2025

Tickets go on sale Friday, October 11 at 10am

(Raleigh, NC) – Stand-up comedian, Ali Siddiq, has announced 37 dates for his upcoming tour, In The Shadows. The tour will stop in Raleigh at the Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts on June 20, 2025. Tickets go on sale Friday, October 11 at 10am and are available at the venue box office and martinmariettacenter.com.

# **About Ali Siddiq**

Ali Siddiq is a stand-up comedian and public speaker out of Houston, TX. Ali's unique style of stand-up began behind the walls of incarceration, an incubator for interesting experiences and good stories. In 2022, Ali released two hour specials... *THE DOMINO EFFECT* on YouTube and <u>UNPROTECTED SETS</u> on EPIX. To date, THE DOMINO EFFECT has over 14 million views, ranking it in the top 5 most watched comedy specials of 2022. The NY Times described it as "a genre-defying autobiographical epic". In May 2023, Ali released *THE DOMINO EFFECT part 2: LOSS*, the sequel to his viral stand-up special, which has over 6 million views to date. And in 2024, Ali released two more specials in the series. *THE DOMINO EFFECT PART 3: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL* premiered on YouTube May 12 with over 4 million views, and *THE DOMINO EFFECT PART 4: PINS & NEEDLES* premiered on YouTube June 16, 2024 with over 3.5 million views. In 2025, Ali will be releasing five more hour specials, an unprecedented feat for any comedian.

People received their first taste of Ali Siddiq when he appeared on HBO's DEF COMEDY JAM and LIVE FROM GOTHAM, and in 2013 he was named Comedy Central's "#1 Comic to Watch". In 2014, Ali impressed comedy enthusiasts by displaying his ability to captivate an audience with his "Mexicans Got On Boots" tale, a descriptive storytelling, with over 14 million views, of a prison riot on THIS IS NOT HAPPENING, the first of three appearances. His stories continued with his HALF HOUR special, which premiered on Comedy Central in the Fall of 2016. Immediately following the premier of that special, Comedy Central offered Ali an hour-special where he performed for inmates live in a Texas jail, sending Ali back to where it all started. The hour special, Ali Siddiq: It's Bigger Than These Bars, premiered in February 2018 on Comedy Central and has over 2.5 million views on YouTube. In 2019, Ali was a top 5 finalist on NBC's BRING THE FUNNY. He also appeared as a regular cast member on the reboot of PUNK'D for Quibi.

Additionally, Ali has appeared on several popular podcasts and TV shows like *The Joe Rogan Experience*, 85 South, Kill Tony, Good Morning America, Uncle Joey's Joint with Joey Diaz, Ari Shaffir's Skeptic Tank, Bertcast, Pour Minds and many others.

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#### **About Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts**

The Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts is the premier location for cultural arts and entertainment in Raleigh. The center is comprised of four unique venues, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, Meymandi Concert Hall, A.J. Fletcher Opera Theater, and Kennedy Theatre. The Martin Marietta Center for the Performing Arts plays host to national tours, performers, and is also home to four resident companies: Carolina Ballet, NC Opera, NC Symphony, and PineCone. Hosting over 600 events each year and welcoming over 400,000 guests, the Martin Marietta Center is a cultural focal point in downtown Raleigh.

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