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U.S. District Court Southern District of New York Rules In Favor of
Sketchworks Comedy

Atlanta – May 12, 2022 – The Southern District of New York issued a ruling today that confirms what Sketchworks Comedy (and its attorneys) always knew -- its award-winning *Vape the Musical* is a parody of the musical *Grease*.

Sketchworks Comedy first performed *Vape the Musical* at The Village Theatre in Atlanta. The musical parody of *Grease* won Sketchworks Comedy the 2018 Broadway World Atlanta award for “Best New Work.” After 4 more Atlanta performances in early 2019, *Vape* was booked in New York City at AsylumNYC. However, ten days before that performance, Sketchworks Comedy was served a cease and desist letter on behalf of the creators of *Grease* claiming *Vape the Musical* infringes on their copyright. Sketchworks had to cancel their performances.

But Sketchworks Comedy refused to be bullied. We fought back to be allowed to perform *Vape the Musical* in New York and anywhere else. Sketchworks Comedy filed a lawsuit against the creators of *Grease* to confirm what should have been obvious from the very beginning -- that *Vape the Musical* is a parody of *Grease*.

Sketchworks Comedy co-owners Brian Troxell and Julie Shaer are extremely happy with the outcome. Troxell said, “We’re proud we stood up for what we believed – what we knew -- was right all along. The right to parody is too important not to fight for. We are thrilled, but not surprised, by the outcome.”

Sketchworks Comedy is excited about staging *Vape the Musical* again soon in Atlanta and other cities.

MORE ABOUT SKETCHWORKS COMEDY

Through sold out live shows and hilarious online videos, Sketchworks Comedy has been making audiences laugh with the finest sketch comedy since 2001. Different from

unscripted improvisational comedy, sketch comedy involves developing original scenes and scenarios which are written and rehearsed before being performed. Our team of experienced (and funny) comedic actors, writers, and filmmakers are among the top working professionals in the industry.

Shows (excluding kid and teen shows) are not generally suitable for children under 16, and people with no sense of humor. Sketchworks Comedy also conducts classes in sketch writing, sketch acting as well as one-on-one coaching.

Sketchworks Comedy is produced by owners Julie Shaer and Brian Troxell.

Contact Sketchworks Comedy today to learn about our live shows, online content, classes and workshops, summer kids and teens camps, as well as corporate and private events. Find out why Sketchworks Comedy audiences return again and again. Visit www.sketchworkscomey.com

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