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### **Gorilla Experts Face Off at Santa Barbara Zoo's Science-Meets-Improv Show "IMPROVology" on Tuesday, Nov. 7**

- Impro Theatre Co. Creates Improv Based on Talks by Gorilla Experts
- Held in Conjunction with the Western Regional Gorilla Workshop, Hosted by Santa Barbara Zoo

*(Santa Barbara, CA, October 24, 2017)* – Gorilla experts share their insights and stories, which then become the fodder for improv comedy skits created on the spot by members of L.A.'s **Impro Theatre Company**, at a special gorilla-themed IMPROVology show held Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Santa Barbara Zoo's Discovery Pavilion.



Gorilla zookeepers and experts from around the country will gather at the Zoo that week for the Western Regional Gorilla Workshop. The speakers will be announced at the show.

The doors open at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. performances. Tickets are \$15, and \$12 for Santa Barbara Zoo Members. Buy at the door or [www.sbzoo.org](http://www.sbzoo.org). More information at 962-5339. General admission seating, early arrival suggested; latecomers may be relegated to standing room only.

IMPROVology has been described as "a TED Talk meets Second City," with animal and environmental scientists being interviewed about their research and experiences followed by a comedy skit based on the talk.

"Impro Theatre Company are experts at improvisation, and might create a soap opera based on the talk, or a scene from "Twilight Zone," or a Broadway-style musical," says Dean Noble, the Zoo's Marketing Director who also serves as show emcee. "They interact with the audience and encourage a friendly competition. I'm sure they will 'go ape' for this topic."



Musical accompaniment is provided by Santa Barbara-based pianist **Konrad Kono** and bassist **Michael Schindlinger**, an expert in the languages of wild parrots who took part in an IMPROVology show last May and is now part of the IMPROVology “band” (of two). Snacks, beverages, beer, and wine are available for purchase.

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*Known as one of the world's most beautiful zoos, the **Santa Barbara Zoo** is located on 30 acres of botanic gardens and is home to nearly 500 individual animals in open, naturalistic habitats. It is accredited by the [Association of Zoos & Aquariums](#) (AZA), representing the highest level of animal care, and participates in AZA endangered species programs for Asian elephant, California condor, Channel Island fox, and Western lowland gorilla, among others. A private nonprofit corporation, the Santa Barbara Zoo depends on community support, not tax dollars, for operations and improvements.*

*The Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; general admission is \$17 for adults, \$10 for seniors aged 65+, \$10 for children 2-12, and children under 2 are free. Parking is \$7.*

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