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SF IMPROV FESTIVAL HONORS LONG-TIME SF IMPROV GREAT JIM CRANNA *2nd annual OCIC Award goes to former Committee member and Ft. Mason mentor.*

(San Francisco, CA Aug 4th, 2011) – The San Francisco Improv Festival, running August 18th - 27th at The Eureka Theater, is proud to announce that Jim Cranna is the 2011 recipient of their annual OCIC Award. The festival will be honoring Mr. Cranna Sunday, August 21st at 5:30pm at the theater, located on Jackson at Battery in SF.

The OCIC was created by the San Francisco Improv Festival in 2010 to recognize those people who have had a profound impact on the improv world, both here in the Bay Area and beyond.

“Jim Cranna is one of the guiding lights for improvisation in San Francisco,” says festival Executive Producer Jamie Wright. “Improv legend Del Close discovered him in 1967 and brought him into The Committee, where he performed until they closed up shop in the 70’s. Jim performed with other seminal Bay Area improv troupes through the years, but possibly the greatest contribution he made was his drop-in workshop on Saturday mornings at Ft. Mason which continued nearly uninterrupted for over 25 years, training and mentoring thousands of Bay Area improvisors & keeping the spirit of The Committee alive in San Francisco.”

The event will feature an abbreviated version of the documentary about Jim Cranna’s Fort Mason workshop, “Hug Everyone, Tell Them Your Name” by Ian Hadley, as well as short remembrances and remarks by members of The Committee and others who have worked with Jim through the years.

Festival lineup, workshops, and ticket information is available at www.sfimprovfestival.com. Press passes available upon request.

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AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW:

Jim Cranna, of The Committee and Ft. Mason Improvisation Drop-In Class.

Alan Myerson, founding director of The Committee.

Carl Gottlieb, of The Committee, screenwriter of *The Jerk*, and *Jaws*.

Ian Hadley, documentarian, “Hug Everyone, Tell Them Your Name.”

OTHER RESOURCES:

[SF Gate article on Jim Cranna’s last class.](#)

[Jim Cranna in performance with The Committee at the 2010 SF Improv Festival.](#)