

Joe DeGise II (Rich from Long Island) is a performer, writer, and the director of New York's longest running comedy review, Chicago City Limits. He co-founded the improvisation group Unexpected Company (which held regular runs Off-Broadway) and the sketch comedy group Bitter Harmless People. He has also been featured at both the Aspen and Toyota Comedy Festivals. His film and television credits include Hacks (with Jim Gaffigan), Law & Order, Live! With Regis and Kelly, and Nickelodeon. Joe has been in several commercials, and also played guitar with rock band The Hillary Step. He teaches improvisation in and around NYC and uses improvisational techniques to teach creativity, team building, and other workshops in the corporate world. Joe has also developed classes fusing improvisation with spiritual practice having held sessions at ashrams and retreats from New York to India. With Lemon Meringue, he returns to the dramatic stage for the first time in over a decade.