

One to one

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with

Pat Hazell

Writer, comedian, actor

Nationally acclaimed comedian, actor, producer, playwright and television writer Pat Hazell may just be the funniest guy in comedy and theater today. By keeping it clean, creative and thought provoking, Hazell's material has had a long shelf life and his fanbase has grown exponentially. Hazell — and his arsenal of work based on the conscious appreciation of Americana and the humor attached to it — is in demand at theaters across the country and he's booked solid through next year.

Incredibly, Mandeville is Hazell's epicenter. It's where he is comfortably settled with his family and continues to prepare for the upcoming U.S. tours of two of his highly-regarded shows, "Bunk Bed Brothers" and "The Wonder Bread

Residence: Old Mandeville with wife, Sydney, and sons, Tucker and Keaton

Favorite weekend activity: Swimming with the kids

Favorite thing to do in September in New Orleans: We are crazy for the Audubon Zoo and the Aquarium of the Americas.

Favorite place to travel: We honeymooned in Italy; that was fantastic.

Favorite meal at a New Orleans restaurant: Shrimp Uggie at Uglesich's

Favorite band/music: My wife is a singer/guitarist, so I'd have to say her, R.E.M. and Sister Hazel.

Favorite things to share with your out-of-town guests: WWOZ Radio and the UCM Museum in Abita

Best-kept secret about New Orleans: Le Chat Noir Theatre

Best way to live it up in New Orleans: King cake season

Favorite books: "The Fountainhead" by Ayn Rand, "Free Prize Inside" by Seth Godin and lately I've been reading a lot about marketing and branding.

Pets: Two dogs, Mango and Scruffles

Five things I can't live without: My family, melted cheese, an audience, eBay and airport bathrooms

Favorite New Orleans personality: Rickey Graham and Becky Allen; They're like having a crash course about New Orleans.

Being fully alive is: Uncontrolled, contagious laughter. It's positive and creates community, and I'm in the right business for that.

