

'Laugh Doctor' Wallace Has Right Prescription For Fest

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Comedian George Wallace had people rolling in the aisles laughing during Saturday night's performance at the Reg Lenna Civic Center in Jamestown.

Literally rolling.

Wallace, a well-known comedian nicknamed the "Laugh Doctor," left no stone unturned and no race untouched.

"How come you never see Chinese funeral homes or a black Pillsbury dough boy?" the black comedian asked the audience of several hundred on hand for the gala closing performance of the Lighten Up! Festival of New Comedy.

"There are so many things you never see, like homeless people in the country, like a Blockbuster video store being built."

The hardest laughs from the audi-

ence were during Wallace's diatribe on differences between blacks and whites.

"Basically we're all the same," he would say to the audience, to which the audience was programmed to say, "with a few minor differences."

Wallace would then launch into numerous differences ranging from the way people laugh to the way they mourn at funerals.

The first part of the evening introduced five new comedy shorts deemed as the best of the 154 entries received this year from around the world for the Gravity Free Film and Video Competition. Two of the films were singled out for a Popular Pick award and Jurors award.

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