



Chicago late show on Tuesday Feb. 8, 2022 with surprise guest Mark Cuban. Pictured left to right, Will Arnett, Mark Cuban, Sean Hayes, and Jason Bateman.

CHICAGO IL- The podcast [SmartLess](#) is traveling across the U.S. inviting different surprise celebrity guests in each city. The podcast was started in July of 2020 and is now one of the top podcast shows hosted by Jason Bateman, Sean Hayes and Will Arnett. On February 8, 2022 the SmartLess gang was welcomed by the city of Chicago for two sold out shows at the [Chicago Theater](#). Being from Chicago, Hayes had the crowd cheering when telling childhood stories of living in Chicago.

I had the opportunity of attending the 9:30 p.m. show where the crowd was eager to see the banter of the iconic trio in real life. Melissa Newton and Ronna Russell were leaving the theater from the 6:30 p.m. show where the surprise guests were Andy Richter and Jeff Tweety. Russell had never listened to the show before but explained that Sean Hayes was their favorite of the three. “I just like how the guys rip on each other, that’s my favorite part, how they get along and take each other down.” Newton says, who is an avid listener to the show.

While waiting for the doors to open, I had the chance to speak with Ami Ocide and her husband. They were most excited to see who the surprise guest was, “we were thinking possibly Michelle Obama but that’s optimistic thinking. We also thought Michael Jordan, Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy.” Mr. Ocide says after listening to the show since October, his favorite is Jason Bateman. “I am looking forward to seeing the chemistry between the three in real life.” Mrs. Ocide says.

The surprise guest for the 9:30 p.m. show ended up being entrepreneur and billionaire Mark Cuban. The “Shark Tank” investor went to Indiana State University and shared how he became so successful with Bateman, Arnett and Hayes cracking jokes along the way. Hayes and his husband Scotty even did a pitch for Cuban like they were on “Shark Tank” which caused an eruption of laughter from the audience.

The next stop for the SmartLess group is Madison, WI where they will be there for both Wednesday and Thursday night. With the rising popularity of the show, they were awarded with Best Comedy Podcast at the 2022 iHeartRadio Podcast awards. Stay updated with their social media to keep up to date with future surprise guests and podcast shows [here](#).