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## AvidXchange Sponsors a Night at the Friars Club, CEO to be Roasted Comedian Stewie Stone to Serve as "Roast Master"

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.,** (June 7, 2016) AvidXchange, a leading provider of <u>Accounts Payable and Payment Automation solutions</u> for midsize companies, will serve as a sponsor for "A Night at the Friars Club" on June 8 in New York City. During the event, Neel Naicker of <u>AMP</u>; Michael Praeger of <u>AvidXchange</u>; Ian Marlow of <u>FITECH</u>; and Patrick Ghilani of <u>MRI</u> – all chief executive officers of these software solution providers – will be roasted by Stewie Stone.

Stewie Stone has worked with many recording artists including, Katy Perry, Natalie Cole, Gladys Knight, Frankie Valli, Barry Manilow, Paul Anka, Neil Diamond, Aretha Franklin, The Village People, Sonny and Cher, etc. Stewie is now producing his own Comedy shows and works with other comedians as well as singers. When he is not performing in entertainment venues, he is working for corporations as a motivational speaker at conventions. He is also the current vice-president of the Friars Club in NYC, which keeps him relevant and sharpens his organization skills.

"One of our core values at AvidXchange is to, 'have a blast', and I'm not afraid to be the punch line in order for everyone to have a good time at the upcoming roast. I'm a big proponent of working hard and playing hard, and it will be nice to hang out with some other leaders in the industry that I really admire outside of a boardroom and have some laughs," commented Michael Praeger, CEO and Co-Founder of AvidXchange.

Since 1904, the Friars Club has been the preeminent members-only club for entertainment professionals and beyond, committed to fostering and promoting strong social and professional bonds among its membership. Often imitated, rarely duplicated, the Friars continue their unmatched tradition of uproarious Roasts and other events.

"I'm glad that my partners and colleagues in business can appreciate the value of a night of jokes and relaxation; it's an honor to be a part of an event at such a historic venue," said Patrick Ghilani, CEO of MRI Software.

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