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Nine and Numb Improv Debuts on Sunday

The unscripted audience participation production "Slammajamma" debuts at Carrollwood Playhouse

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For just \$10 on Sunday, May 29, be prepared to laugh and very likely become part of the entertainment.

Nine and Numb debuts its improvisational comedy show "Slammajamma" at [Carrollwood Playhouse](#), 433

Combining 10 novice performers and seasoned veterans aged 21 to 59, Nine and Numb showcases the ta benefit for the Carrollwood Playhouse.

Owner and CEO Kelly Clow, a big man with a ready smile and an addictive laugh, founded Nine and Numb with nine other students.

“We were all in school and thought it would be a fun thing to do at the local comedy club up there,” explains

Fast forward several years, an LLC and a short hiatus, and Clow traded snow and ice for a more tropical cl

When asked why he chose Tampa, Clow replies with his own question, “How many times can you handle 5

Clow selected his troupe members using one specific requirement: “A willingness to get up on stage. That’s

He trains his troupe on the basics of being on stage, how to be actors and how to handle hecklers.

“I have years of stand-up experience,” says Clow. “Hecklers are just part of the job.”

Trained by Chicago’s famous Second City, a professional actor and producer, Clow is excited to bring unsc

“I love doing improv because you are your author. You can write your own stuff,” explains Clow. “We are de
Who’s Line Is It Anyway. We will be getting a lot of audience members out of their seats and up on the sta

Slammajamma runs from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m., and Sunday’s turnout will determine the number of shows pe

“If we get a big enough audience, we are going to do a show once a month,” Clow said.

As Sunday is the first time on the stage for this troupe and ever on stage for some members, anything can

But Clow isn’t worried in the least.

“I tell them don’t be nervous. Come up with something and even if you can’t, one of us will. We’ll make it ha

To learn more about Nine and Numb, visit www.nineandnumb.com.

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