**JULIA SCOTTI**

Quick Synopsis:

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Hilarious, powerful, dynamic and real. Like a comedy chainsaw flying through the room!”

Julia’s high octane machine gun delivery, combined with her hilarious, groundbreaking, and thought-provoking views on most everything, has ignited a buzz across the country. Julia was a quarter-finalist and fan favorite on season 11 of *America’s Got Talent* NBC 2016 and a judge’s favorite with Simon Cowell saying, “you genuinely made me laugh.” Reminding us how to laugh, people of ALL ages and ALL persuasions just can’t get enough of this "Crazy Old Lady of Comedy".

Julia is a nationally headlining comedian, former teacher, author, speaker, and woman of transgendered experience. Originally from Fairview, New Jersey, for the first 48 years she was better known as comedian Rick Scotti. She toured the country, appearing at venues all over the United States and Canada, both as a headliner in comedy clubs and as an opening act for artists such as Lou Rawls, Chicago, and Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Julia has appeared on numerous television and radio shows as well as commercials.

In 2000, Julia left comedy to begin her life altering transition, and also to begin her new career as a teacher, where she remained for seven years. She was self-employed for a time, but in 2011, after a ten-year layoff from comedy, Julia returned to the stage. Her new brand of comedy is fierce, honest, and fearless. She has been described as a “force of nature”, “a cross between Sam Kinison and Mrs. Doubtfire”, and like a “chainsaw flying through the room.”

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In 2012, Julia had been named one of the Top Five Transgender Comedians in the country by Advocate Magazine. In 2016, she was named one of the "Top 50 Successful Transgender Americans You Should Know" by the LGBTQ Nation. Since then, she has gone on to become the first transgendered woman and finalist in the New York Based Ladies of Laughter Competition.

Today, you can find Julia performing at comedy clubs and theaters around the country. When she isn’t making people laugh, Julia often speaks at teacher in-services on the subject of bullying and transgendered youth issues.