

Comedian Eddie Izzard to speak at Godless Gathering

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Washington, DC - Yet another celebrity has joined the lineup for the event being referred to as the Godless Gathering: English actor and comedian Eddie Izzard.

It was announced that Izzard would be flying to Washington DC on March 24th to speak at the upcoming Reason Rally, a national gathering promoting secular values and political equality for the nonreligious. He joins other prominent nonreligious figures involved in the event, including scientist and author Richard Dawkins, television star Adam Savage of "Mythbusters", and musician Greg Graffin of Bad Religion.

"Eddie Izzard is a perfect addition to the rally," said Reason Rally organizer David Silverman. "In order for Secular Americans to gain the recognition we deserve, we need powerful and clever voices like Izzard's speaking out for reason and equality."

Izzard, who won two Emmy Awards for his one-man show Dress to Kill, has been vocal about his lack of belief in a god. Talking about how his views would affect a political career in Europe, he told The Sunday Times in 2009 that his atheism was "good, because you have to be with faith to get elected in America, but without faith to get elected in Europe."

The Reason Rally aims to change that dynamic. The Rally is billed as a free, nationwide event to draw secular Americans from all over the country to the National Mall with the intent to "unify, energize, and embolden" this growing demographic to gain legislative and social equality. Although the 2008 American Religious Identification Survey found the percentage of people with no religious affiliation grew in all fifty states, only one member of Congress identifies as a non-theist: California Representative Pete Stark, who will be making a video appearance at the event.

More information can be found on the Reason Rally website, reasonrally.org

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