SF Comedy Fest comes to Tahoe

The preliminary round of the 35th annual San Francisco International Comedy Festival will be at MontBleu casino in Stateline on Sept. 18 at 8pm.

Tahoe's comedy elimination competition will feature a dozen finalists who make it through qualifying rounds of hundreds this week at various Northern California venues. Comics have 5-7 minute to woo the audience and judges. The final round of competition is Oct. 3-9.

For details, click here.

Contestants from past years include Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, Dane Cook, Dana Carvey, Roseanne Barr, Mark Curry and represent the pedigree of hot, national comedy club talent.

Karen Rontowski, an upbeat, granola-esque comedian is the evening's host.Described as a "New Age Hippie," her experience has earned headliner billing worldwide opening for legends such as Bob Hope and Ray Charles.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.ticketmaster.com or the MontBleu box office at 800.648.3353.