

NBC's *Today*

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Sentimental Sendoff]

CRAIG MELVIN: And sentimental sendoff.

JIMMY KIMMEL [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Hi, Stephen.

STEPHEN COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Hi!

MELVIN: The late-night hosts reunite ahead of Stephen Colbert's show.

KIMMEL [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: You said, when Spirit goes, I go.

FALLON [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Man of your word.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: That's true.

MELVIN: Inside all the laughs they shared one last time.

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MELVIN: That looked like it was quite the gathering.

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: I always love when they do that, when all the late night hosts get together.

MELVIN: Yeah.

GUTHRIE: It's like — when in the old days, when the networks used to do, like, cross —

MELVIN: Yeah.

GUTHRIE: — you know, with shows would cross each other —

MELVIN: I do.

GUTHRIE: — battle of the network stars, that kind of thing? It's fun to see that. Jimmy had a

busy day. He was here then he went right over there.

MELVIN: Exactly. We'll give you a preview of that coming up in just a few minutes.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: 7:38 AM; Late Night Hosts Unite]

MELVIN: Also ahead this morning, a late-night gathering for the ages. Stephen Colbert welcoming his fellow hosts in the countdown to his final episodes and the big news about the big project they're all releasing together.

AL ROKER: Strike force five!

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: 7:38 AM; Late Night Hosts Unite]

MELVIN: All right. Just ahead, the stars of — the stars of late-night, all on one stage, inside that exclusive club's rare gathering and a show of support for Stephen Colbert ahead of his final show.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Late Night Hosts Reunite on Colbert]

CARSON DALY: In less than two weeks from now, Stephen Colbert will take his final *Late Show* bow.

GUTHRIE: And he's going out with a little help from his friends, fellow late night host Jimmy Fallon, Seth Meyers, Jimmy Kimmel, and John Oliver, stopping by as a group last night.

MELVIN: NBC's entertainment correspondent, Chloe Melas is here with the very latest on that gathering. Good morning.

CHLOE MELAS: Hey, guys, good morning. It was such a great show. This was a major late

night reunion filled with countless jokes, endless laughs, and even a kiss. The hilarious and at-time sentimental send-off was part tribute, part roast, and part therapy session as they spoke about their type on and friendships. But in the end, it was a simple love letter to late-night TV.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Please welcome back to *The Late Show*, Jimmy Kimmel, Seth Meyers, John Oliver, Jimmy Fallon.

MELAS: It was a historic moment in late-night television.

[CROWD CHEERS]

KIMMEL [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: You know, when I was told I was going to be seated farthest away from you, I assumed it was alphabetical, and then I went, F-O-N-O. No. No. No. No.

MELAS: The five biggest names in late night on one stage, up close, and personal.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: How many of you have made out of the guest on camera?

FALLON [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Why would you look at me like that?

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Because I think you've made out with guests on camera.

FALLON [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: No, I think you just wanted to make out with me.

MELAS: The host who dubbed themselves Strike Force Fives after launching a podcast together during the 2023 actors and writer strikes, paying tribute to Colbert 10 days before his show ends its 11-season run —

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Is there anything that we have not touched on before we move on to this? I'm curious.

KIMMEL [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: The outrage that your show is being thrown off the air?

SETH MEYERS [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Yeah, yeah.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

MELAS: — with some teasing about his future.

FALLON [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Anytime you want to come on, it'd be the greatest.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

FALLON [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: I love you so much.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: When would it be helpful to you?

FALLON [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Well —

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: When Oh.

[LAUGHTER]

FALLON [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Take your time, take your time.

[SCREEN WIPE]

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: Who is most likely to be a cash-for-gold commercial in the next five years?

[LAUGHTER]

MELAS: Colbert announcing last July that his top-rated show was coming to an end.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 07/17/25]: It's not just the end of our show, but it's the end of the late show on CBS.

MELAS: CBS saying at the time that it was purely a financial decision and was not related in any way to the show's performance. For years, Colbert's late show has been the highest-rated network late-night program, known for its mix of celebrity interviews, political satire, and headline-making monologues.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 03/05/26]: But who better to gamble with our economy than a guy who somehow bankrupted his own casino?

MELAS: And for his swan song, he's not pulling any punches. Even airing interviews, CBS banned from his show on his YouTube channel. Colbert is ending his run with a series of all-star guests. And last night, amid the jokes, paying tribute to his fellow hosts.

COLBERT [on CBS's *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, 05/11/26]: You guys have been wonderful friends and great models for me, and I'm so glad to know and love all of you. Thank

you so much for being here.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

MELAS: Colbert's final episode is set for May 21. And Jimmy Kimmel is not going to be having a new show in the night that Stephen goes off the air or something that he also did when David Letterman signed off in 2015. And after 33 years, you guys, CBS is going to be replacing Stephen's show with a new show called *Comics Unleashed* hosted by Rinalon. You'll see stand-up comedians and other guests.

GUTHRIE: All right. Chloe, great.

MELVIN: You got your start with Colbert, didn't you, back in the day?

MELAS: I interned with Stephen in the summer of 2008. I actually saw Stephen Colbert last week, and I told him it was the best summer in my life, and got a little teary. I think he's sad, but no, ready for this next chapter.

MELVIN: Yeah.

GUTHRIE: Great for them.

DALY: It's amazing how much late night has changed. Back in the day, you wouldn't see Leno and Letterman getting along like this —

GUHTIRE: Yes.

DALY: — and now the whole landscape — they're — they're friends.

MELAS: Strike Force Five, new episode coming later today.

GUTHRIE: Yeah.

DALY: It's good to see.

MELVIN: Chloe, thank —

GUTHRIE: I know. I really like that.

DALY: Yeah.

GUTHRIE: It just makes you feel good —

DALY: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

GUTHRIE: — they're all together. Love that.

MELVIN: Mr. Roker.

ROKER: Yeah. We're going to miss Mr. Colbert for sure.