

Deena Nyer Mendlowitz

Deena is a stand-up comedian and an improviser and has also worked as a humor writer for American Greetings. She trained at The Second City Cleveland and at both The Second City and Annoyance Theater in Chicago. Deena was recently named one of Ohio's funniest women by Cleveland.com and was also honored as a Cleveland Jewish News Difference Maker for the work she has done using comedy to promote mental health awareness and to destigmatize mental illness. Her work has been featured in a variety of places including NPR and in USA Today.

Deena is the creator of Funnel Cakes Not Included, a one woman show about living with mental illness and Mental Illness and Friends, A Live Mental Health Comedy Talk Show. She is also the co-founder of Cleveland's popular Mass Hysteria Improv Comedy Fest, a comedy fest run by women, for everyone.