Comedian Sinbad Is Recovering After a Stroke

His family issued a statement saying they're optimistic that he'll be well enough shortly to "bring laughter back into their hearts soon."

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For more than three decades, Sinbad has brought humor to comedy fans everywhere. Now, his family is asking for support and prayers as the comedian and actor recovers from a recent stroke, reports The Hollywood Reporter.

In a statement to the Reporter, which was also shared on Sinbad's social media accounts, the entertainer's family called Sinbad a "light source of love and joy for many generations" and said he was on the road to recovery.

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A post shared by Sinbad (@sinbadbad)

His family didn't reveal details surrounding his stroke, but they expressed confidence that Sinbad would soon be well.

According to the American Stroke Association, there are several risk factors for stroke, including high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes and diet, all of which can be managed with medication or via lifestyle changes. However, other risk factors, such as age, family history, race and gender, are not within a person's control.

Upon learning of Sinbad's stroke, celebrities and fans sent the beloved comedian their well wishes and prayers. On Twitter, @omeganerd5 wrote, "Damn, I just heard about @sinbad. Nothing but love for you man. Pulling for you. My thoughts are with you. Get well soon! #sinbad."

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— Joe (@OmegaNerd5) November 16, 2020

Musician Sheila E. tweeted, "Family, let's pray for my dear friend Sinbad. Recently suffered a stroke. Plz keep him lifted in prayer. We need him to make us laugh again @sinbadbad."

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— SheilaEdrummer (@SheilaEdrummer) November 16, 2020

One of my favorite #Christmas movies! Get well

#Sinbad, The Godfather of clean #comedy!

pic.twitter.com/4UnXTwDODo

— JYtheWondaaa (@j_ythe) November 16, 2020

Our Prayers and Love, positive thoughts and Light.... we send all to our Brother Sinbad, and family and trust he will make a full recovery. From Philip Bailey and EWF family ???????? https://t.co/uPpnhMPA9G

— Earth, Wind & Fire (@EarthWindFire) November 16, 2020

Sinbad's relatives requested that their privacy be respected during this time. "Our family thanks you in advance for your love and support and ask for continued prayers for his healing," they said in the statement.

For coverage about another celebrity who experienced a stroke, read "Singer K-Ci Hailey: Stroke Survivor."

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