

Wali Collins - Full Bio

New York City's number one comedian. Born in Springfield, Massachusetts. Wali was and still is an accomplished drummer. Not only currently being a member of the Central Park Djembe drummers. Wali has played in R&B, Pop, Funk and Jazz bands. Wali toured with the award winning Lawrence Bagwell Gospel Choral before graduating High School. And he was the youngest to ever join the New England Jazz Society. After College, Wali was working on being the best Architect New England has ever known. But the calling for show business was too strong. He played in bands, did session work, but that wasn't enough. He needed more.

Always having a keen sense of humor, his parents urged him to try stand-up comedy. His first time on stage Wali was convinced that he had bombed, but the manager paid him and asked him to come back every week as a featured act. Wali Collins has been going strong ever since. Wali moved to New York City to work on a show for Comedy Central called "Stand-up Stand-up". He hosted the largest funniest, most varied collection of stand-up comedians in the world.

He was nominated three years in a row as "College Campus Entertainer of the Year". Wali is also the most sought after comedian for corporate events. IBM, L'Oreal, and Johnson & Johnson, FEDEX are just four of the many companies. One of Wali's greatest achievements was hosting an event featuring for First Lady Michelle Obama. The show went so well he was asked to host another event this time featuring President Bush and Obama.

Wali Collins is a regular at all of the main stream Comedy clubs in the United States including New York City and Los Angeles. He even headlines and tours at Comedy clubs in Europe and Asia.

Collins' television stand-up credits include NBC, CBS, FOX, HBO, ABC's "The View", Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd", Commentary on VH1, to name a very few. Wali has appeared in over 30 national TV commercials. David Letterman caught Wali's act and recruited him to warm-up for his show. Later that season Wali performed his stand up on the "Late Show with David Letterman". Quoted by GQ magazine "Wali's true purpose becomes evident".

He also landed a role in the Jerry Bruckheimer hit film "Coyote Ugly". Wali also was featured in the sitcom "Spin City" and hosted the PBS series special, "Wild TV". If Wali's face looks familiar to you it's because you've seen him in over 30 national television commercials.

In the words of Robert Klein, "Wali Collins is versatile, smart and very, very funny." Wali is headed only one way, Stardom. If you haven't seen Wali do his thing in either stand up or acting, you're missing out on one gifted man.