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Comedian • Guest/Motivational Speaker • Animation Voice-Overs • Comedy Writer • Songwriter

Employment Experience

Stand-Up Comedy: Troy Hammond has been touring the US for over fifteen years. He has appeared in clubs, colleges, and theaters in 28 states, many times as a returning favorite. Often during these appearances, he has been a featured guest on local radio programs. His persona onstage belies an individual who is dynamic, intellectual, and well informed, with a somewhat dark and cynical flavor to his humor.

Guest/Motivational Speaker: Troy has also done more structured, informative public speaking in addition to his comedy shows. He has spoken to college classes and other civic groups about the reality of being disabled in a world that often overlooks the need for accessibility and acceptance. He brings a fresh perspective to people previously unexposed to the difficulties of living with a disability, and how those similarly afflicted deal with life on a daily basis. His message in this venue, and to some degree in his comedy as well, is that anyone can be anything they choose to be, if they are willing to apply themselves and see their limitations as opportunities.

Animation Voice-Overs: Troy has done studio voice-over work whenever he can, adding to his experience and giving him yet another way to express himself publicly. He is capable of adapting his voice to different characters, and can memorize text quickly and accurately. His best-known character was the Host of the Kid's Time Network, seen in nearly 70 cable markets nationwide.

Comedy Writer/Songwriter: Troy is constantly writing new material, and is currently working on a CD of his own. The CD will showcase selections of his live comedy, as well as original sketches and songs featuring a few well-known local musical talents.

Other Experience: Troy was a guest DJ on CD101, a Columbus based alternative station, and is a favorite guest on "The Wags and Elliott Show" on QFM96. He has appeared on "The Bob and Sheri Show", a nationally syndicated radio program, and he has also appeared onstage at Cooper Stadium, donning a Fender Stratocaster and playing with surf music legends Jan and Dean. Troy also hosted an oldies radio show during his college days, on Ohio University radio station ACRN.

Career Highlights

Over the years, Troy has worked with a variety of well-known comedians, some of which include Dave Chappelle, Drew Carey, Diane Ford, Rich Hall, Kim Coles, John Riggi, Will Durst, and Brett Leake. He has also shared the stage with musicians Edgar Winter, Leon Russell, the Contours, Michael Damian, and Jan and Dean. He has toured for comedy agencies such as The Comedy Zone, The Comedy Caravan, Catch a Rising Star, and The Funny Bone. He received the Commendation For Comedic Achievement from the Ohio State Senate in 1984, and was ranked 23rd in the nation in the American Collegiate Talent Showcase in 1984. He was featured in Rolling Stone Magazine in 1987, and in Variety in 1984. Troy has also appeared on Good Morning, America! in 1988 and on Hour Magazine with Gary Collins in 1987.

Education

Troy holds a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University, where he studied Telecommunications, Public Relations, and Education/ EMRLD.

Hobbies

Troy enjoys a wide variety of music, including oldies, alternative, classic rock, folk, and country. He is an aficionado of the classic B-movie, and has an extensive collection of science fiction and horror drive-in specials. He enjoys greasy food, good liquor, and a fine cigar at the end of his day.