

## January 2025: Kicking Off the New Year with Comedy, Advocacy, and Big Plans!

Happy New Year, everyone! 2025 is off to an exciting start, and I've got a lot to share. From podcast appearances and upcoming performances to the big projects I'm tackling, there's no shortage of ways I'm working to save the world—one smile at a time.

### Sharing My Story

Recently, I had the pleasure of joining some amazing podcast hosts to share my journey and the moments that have shaped me.



On *Classroom Confessions with Orlando Baxter*, we took a trip down memory lane, discussing everything from skipping school to steal a disco ball to how humor became the cornerstone of my substance abuse prevention workshops. Orlando and I shared plenty of laughs and reflected on humbling moments from our school days. If you're up for some nostalgia and inspiration, you can listen [here](#)

([https://open.spotify.com/episode/1OcVqNmgjlilMaNQAx0tl?si=lnnqYL-EQKqQUs\\_khSHceQ](https://open.spotify.com/episode/1OcVqNmgjlilMaNQAx0tl?si=lnnqYL-EQKqQUs_khSHceQ)).

I also joined Rick Fink on *Small Town Scuttlebutt* for a two-part interview. In the first episode, we talked about my performances at the Apollo Theater, my rap duet with DMC, and how overcoming prostate cancer and addiction led to some of my most important work. In the second episode, we discussed staying sober through the holidays and how comedy has been pivotal in my recovery journey. Both episodes are packed with laughs, insights, and heart. Check them out [here](#)

([https://open.spotify.com/episode/5HeErDuZ5n2QEGIMrxSECP?si=1UTai7TBSDq\\_sWBEJzlPWw&nd=1&dlsi=ea1e4ceece934f40](https://open.spotify.com/episode/5HeErDuZ5n2QEGIMrxSECP?si=1UTai7TBSDq_sWBEJzlPWw&nd=1&dlsi=ea1e4ceece934f40)) and [here](#) (<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6egXLUgiFI1laTilm8ecO?si=mzGramMTT2uEEBq5MVD0Q>).

In an interview with *SPINEXMUSIC*, I shared a deeper look into my journey as a comedian. My story goes far beyond the punchlines—it's one of resilience, drawing from life's challenges and triumphs. From finding joy in childhood laughter to transforming struggles with addiction and cancer into powerful stories, I've built a comedic style that blends humor with heartfelt reflection. In the interview, I talk about what inspired me to pursue comedy, the



obstacles I've faced, and how I use laughter to tackle serious themes. If you'd like to know more about how I strive to inspire and connect through comedy, you can read the full article [here](https://spinexmusic.com/exclusive-interview-with-corey-manning/) (<https://spinexmusic.com/exclusive-interview-with-corey-manning/>).

### **Writing the Next Chapter—Literally!**

One of the most exciting personal projects I've begun this year is working on my book. It's a reflection on how I've used stand-up comedy to better my life, my family, my career, and my community. Comedy has been more than a career; it's been a tool for resilience, connection, and change. I can't wait to share stories about how laughter has helped me (and others) navigate life's challenges and find hope.

### **Thank You For Your \$upport, Saving The World One Smile @ A Time**

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported my mission by purchasing a shirt, hoodie, or button. Your support means more than you know. Comedy has always been my way of addressing life's biggest challenges—prostate cancer, addiction, and mental health struggles—and turning them into opportunities for healing and connection. After celebrating 30 years of sobriety on December 13, 2024, and surviving prostate cancer, I've made it my life's work to raise awareness and inspire hope through laughter.

This mission goes beyond the stage. From leading substance misuse prevention workshops like "Puff, Puff, Pass the FACTS" to spreading life-saving messages about prostate cancer in underserved communities, I'm dedicated to making a difference. On January 31, 2025, I'll be hosting a substance misuse prevention workshop at Boston Public Schools' Community Academy, just one example of how your support helps me continue this important work.

Help me expand my impact, click this [link](https://gofund.me/6ab2cf7c) (<https://gofund.me/6ab2cf7c>) and make a small or large donation. Your contribution will fund our performances, workshops, and community outreach efforts. This support will allow me to reach more people with critical messages, expand my workshops, and use comedy to tackle mental health challenges. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Together, we can brighten lives and bring healing—One Smile at a Time. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

## 🌟 Highlights and What's Ahead

- I'm thrilled to have been selected as the official guest house emcee at The Comedy Scene at Patriot Place, home of the 6-time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots. Let's just say, I'm in great company! (To see upcoming dates click here <https://bnds.us/a5m3sx>.)
- Oh, and in case you missed it, my *Dry Bar Comedy Special* is set to air in 2025. Stay tuned for the release date!

## 🗣️ Upcoming Performances

**Don't miss a chance to catch me live in 2025!**

For my latest schedule, click [here](https://bnds.us/a5m3sx) (<https://bnds.us/a5m3sx>) and follow along for updates.

Thank you for being part of this journey with me. Here's to a year full of laughs, inspiration, and making a difference—one smile at a time.

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23 JAN	COMEDIAN - CAMBRIDGE, MA THE COMEDY STUDIO   10:00 PM
30 JAN	COMEDIAN - HAVERHILL, MA FUNNY VIBES COMEDY CLUB   08:00 PM
31 JAN	SUPERHERO - JAMAICA PLAIN, MA COMMUNITY ACADEMY   10:00 AM
31 JAN	COMEDIAN - NORWOOD, MA THE NORWOOD THEATRE   7:30 PM
22 FEB	COMEDIAN - CENTRAL FALLS, RI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS   8:30 PM
03 AUG	COMEDIAN - LOS ANGELES, CA THE LAUGH FACTORY   08:00 PM