

It's Not Your Ordinary Comedy Special

# BEHIND **THE** COMEDIAN

IT'S MORE THAN JUST LAUGHS

"Really good interview finding that comedians are people as well and really good questions and great use of venue footage can't wait for the other episodes."

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ONLY THE LAUGHS ON STAGE,  
BUT ALSO THE STORIES  
BEHIND THE COMEDIAN.**

## SYNOPSIS

"Behind The Comedian" is a one of a kind modern day docuseries with a unique focus on the journey of comedians in the comedy industry. Each season is filmed at different comedy clubs in different cities, bringing both renowned and talented upcoming artists from all around the nation to the limelight, stories about the daily happenings and struggles of comics in the industry. This is not your ordinary comedy special, it's "Behind The Comedian".

# THE CREW

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## STEVE NA

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**DIRECTOR &  
CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER**

I am a Professional Television Broadcast Camera Operator / Videographer with a creative passion for capturing the beauty of people and every day life. With 20 plus years of experience in Broadcast & Television. Owner of SN Productions and Co-founder of [ComedyReviewers.com](http://ComedyReviewers.com)

## LYNE NA

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**EXECUTIVE PRODUCER & WRITER**

Executive Producer and Writer of "Behind The Comedian" & Founder & Lead Writer of [ComedyReviewers.com](http://ComedyReviewers.com) Non-fiction and Children's books author for blended families.

# THE CREW



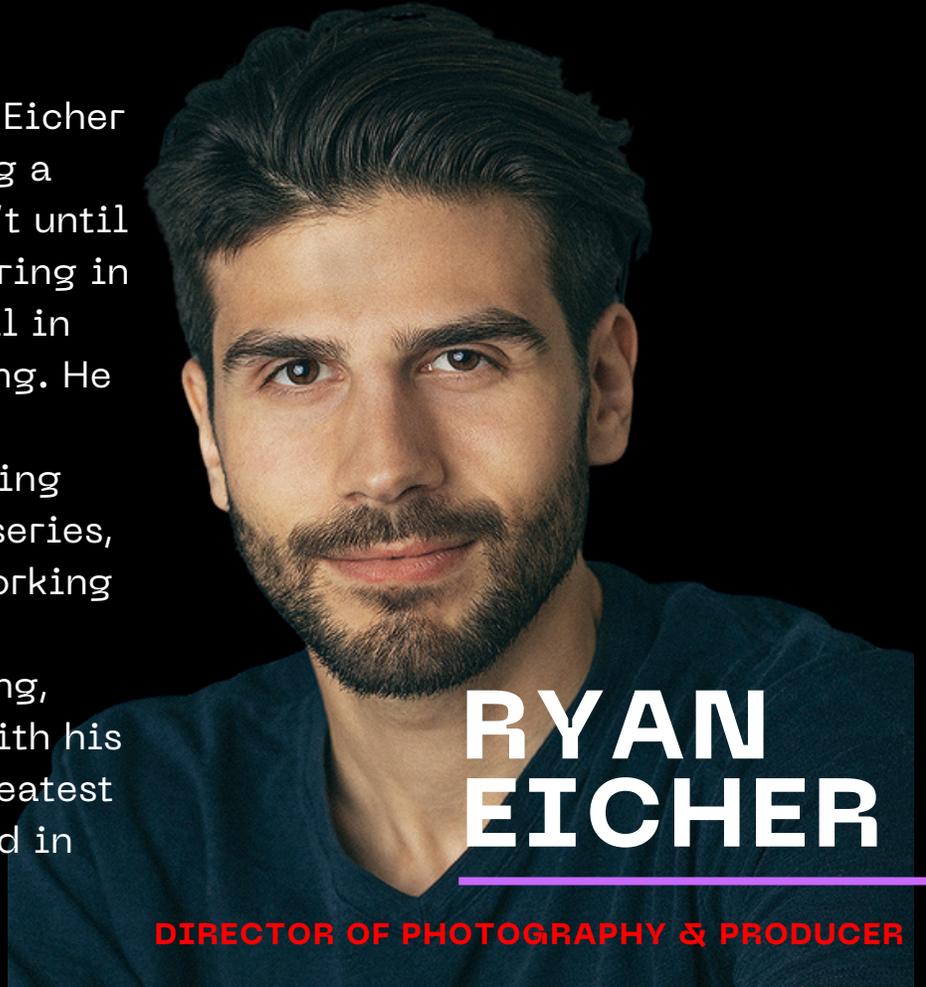
## JORDAN WIESEN

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### PRODUCER & PRODUCTION MANAGER

Born and raised in Los Angeles, he was immersed in the world of theater and film. He worked both in front of and behind the camera/curtain. Jordan studied acting at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Jordan spent 16 years specializing in logistics and operations in the special event and F&B industries in Las Vegas. As an actor, he can currently be seen in Camp Easy's recently released Short Film, "Underneath" (2024).

Born in Upstate New York, Ryan Eicher originally dreamed of becoming a comic book illustrator. It wasn't until a fluke audition led him to starring in his first feature film that he fell in love with the craft of filmmaking. He has now directed, acted in, and produced numerous award winning short films, music videos, web series, and commercials, while also working full time as a freelance camera operator. When he is not creating, Ryan spends most of his time with his wife and two children — the greatest works of art he's ever had a hand in creating.



## RYAN EICHER

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### DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY & PRODUCER

# THE CREW

## VICTOR TAPIA

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### **PRODUCER & MASTER EDITOR**

Having 20 plus years in television production, I specialize in live and post-production. Notable achievements include directing award-winning short films and contributing to a feature-length film honored at the Mar del Plata film festival. Additionally, I've produced diverse television programming, ranging from commercials to documentaries.

## COLIN HUSE

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### **PRODUCER & MASTER EDITOR**

Over the past two decades, I've immersed myself in the dynamic world of Video Production, mastering skills across Field Production, Post Production, and Live TV. Beginning with a focus on editing, I swiftly transitioned to broader production roles, with a special emphasis on Live TV, where I gained invaluable experience and managing the intricacies of real-time broadcasting. Alongside these core competencies, I've also developed proficiency in deployment, troubleshooting, media management, and facility maintenance, ensuring seamless operations and top-notch quality throughout the production pipeline.

# BEHIND **THE** COMEDIAN

# SEASON 1

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## **CAST**

Filmed live at Stand-Up & Rock Comedy Club inside Oyo Hotel in Las Vegas



**HOST**  
**STEVEN**  
**ROBERTS**

Resident host for "The Marsha Warfield Experience", winner of 2018 Los Angeles-based "U.S. Comedy Contest", producer of the 2020 Laughed Out Queer Comedy Festival, Nevada's first LGBTQ+ comedy festival. Steven has performed at clubs and showrooms throughout the Vegas Strip. Originally from the desert southwest, he happily calls Las Vegas home with his husband of eighteen years, Joseph, and their dogs, Hamlet and Egbert. His hilarious commentary on living in Vegas, being a latent Texan, and the joys of gay fatherhood delight audiences from all walks of life.

Veteran comedian, Butch Bradley has taken his unique blend of stand-up and improv around the globe. Bradley began his comedy career as a founding member of the Boston Improv Troupe and now holds a Las Vegas Headliner Residency. Also seen on HBO, Comedy Central, Late Late Show and in 2024 Reagan movie with Dennis Quaid. Named Best Comedian 2020 by "Best of Las Vegas". Butch doesn't so much deliver jokes as he takes his audience by the hand and leads them on a hilariously madcap ride, a ride that no one ever wishes will come to an end.



**BUTCH**  
**BRADLEY**

# BEHIND **THE** COMEDIAN

# SEASON 1 **CAST**



**MARY  
UPCHURCH**

Originally from San Diego, Mary launched her comedy career in Phoenix, Arizona and now performs up and down the Las Vegas Strip. Mary was the winner of several contests including: House of Comedy's Funniest Person with a Day Job, Stir Crazy's Funniest Person in the Universe, and more. She is also known for her standup that's featured on Dry Bar Comedy. Her performances always are effortlessly connected with her smooth delivery and humor creating an unforgettable experience full of laughter. Mary's bubbly personality is infectious and will get you hooked in wanting to see her more.



**JAY  
REID**

This Las Vegas-raised comedian and actor has single-handedly captured the likes of millions after winning Bill Bellamy's "Who's Got Jokes?" His triumph on "Who's Got Jokes?" landed him his own comedy special "L.M.A.O." On the TvONE network. Jay Reid is also known for his stand-up specials on Dry Bar.

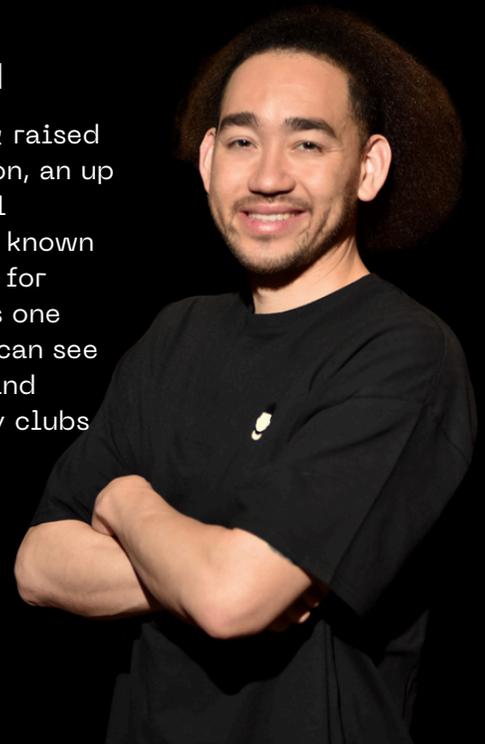


**CARLOS  
ANTHONY**

Originally from the South, Carlos Anthony has become one of Vegas's favorite comedian who continues his rise to stardom within the comedy industry.

**MICHAEL  
ROBERTSON**

Las Vegas born & raised Michael Robertson, an up and coming local comedian who is known to Host and open for Vicki Barbolak is one not to miss. You can see him perform up and down the comedy clubs in Las Vegas.



# BEHIND THE COMEDIAN

# SEASON 2

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## CAST

Filmed live at Wiseguys Town-Square in Las Vegas

## HOST BUTCH BRADLEY



Veteran comedian, Butch Bradley Las Vegas Headliner Resident. Seen on HBO, Comedy Central, Late Late Show and in 2024 Reagan movie with Dennis Quaid. Named Best Comedian 2020 by "Best of Las Vegas".



## KITTY PINEAPPLE

Kitty Pineapple, a Filipino transgender comedian from Hawaii. After gaining viral fame, Kitty is here to share her stories, musical surprises, and a glimpse into what it's like to grow up and become Kitty Pineapple. Along the way, she'll be inspiring us to live life to the fullest with laughter and confidence.

## CHRIS CLARKE

This high energetic comedian with a vivid imagination that will lure you in. Is originally from CT. Has a short special on the comedy cube (youtube) titled "it's meee". Also a Dry Bar special titled "Born American Jamaican Parents".



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# SEASON 2 CAST



**HAILEY  
BROOKS**

Originally hailing from Philly, Hailey has fully embraced the wild world of Las Vegas, sharing her hilarious take on life as a thriving single mother and the adventures of a Philly girl living in Sin City. With a quick wit and a sharp tongue, Hailey has opened for some big names in the comedy world, including Josh Wolf, Natasha Leggero. You can catch her at the Blue Note in Hawaii, Jimmy Kimmel's in Las Vegas, or even at the infamous Don't Tell Comedy shows. And did we mention she used to be a sports reporter? Hailey's unique perspective and her bubbly personality is infectious.



**AMIR THE  
AMIRACLE**

Amir the Amiracle is a resident comedian at the LA Comedy Club inside The Strat in Las Vegas. He has a unique musical comedy style that interacts with his audiences, Lots of rose pedals and jokes about his Black & Lebanese background. He can be seen opening for Craig Robinson and the new movie MICerz on Amazon Prime.



**MIKE  
KRASNER**

Originally from NY now living in Vegas, Mike uses a fun style of improv and observations to have fun on stage while playfully pushing the envelope and tip toeing the lines of fun and truth. Born in the 80s and living in today's times Mike has something for every age group to relate to.

**ADAM  
DOMINGUEZ**

Formally from the bordertown of El Paso, TX, Adam Dominguez took his penchant for provocative storytelling, quick-draw wit, and charming deviousness and made it into a flourishing career. After winning multiple awards for his comedy and worked with many prestigious legends in some of the most notable venues, Adam now travels the country; in search of the next stage and adventure.



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# SEASON 3

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## **CAST**

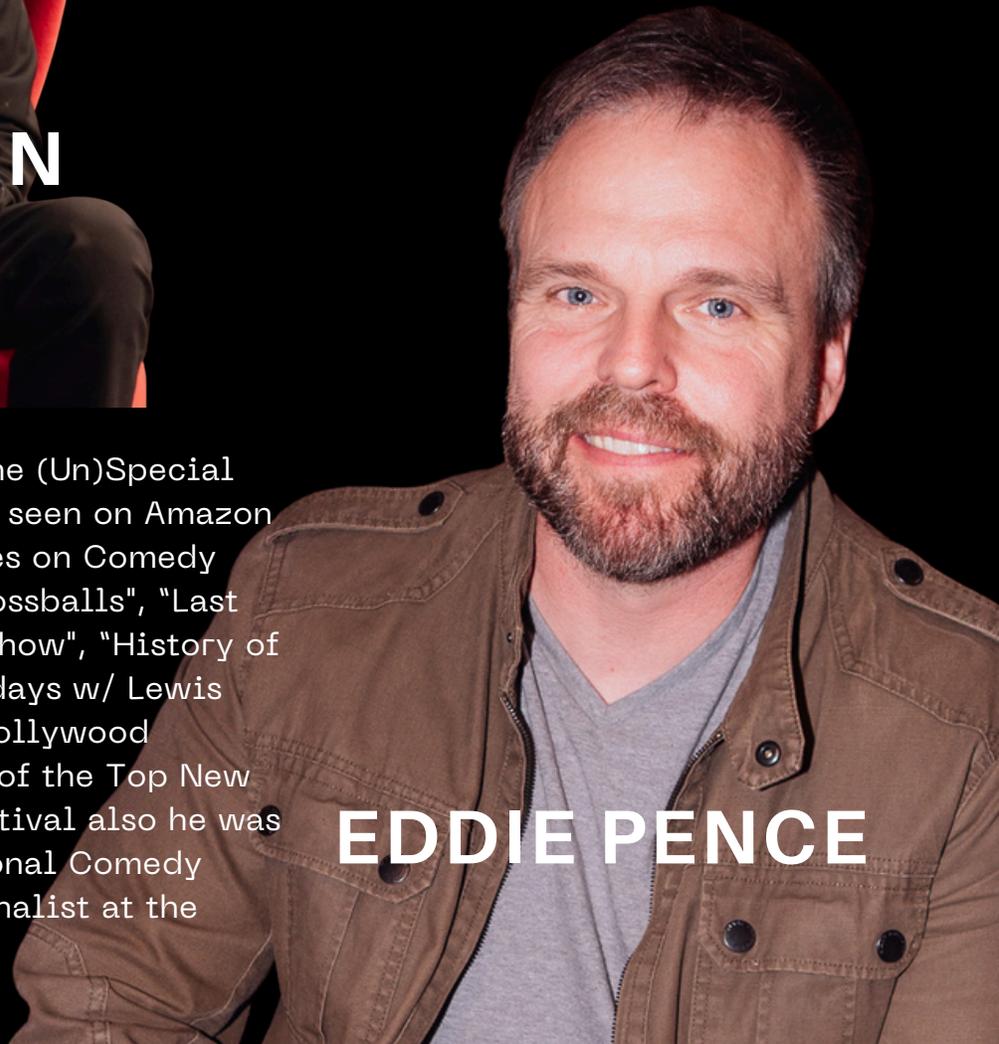
Filmed live at Ice House Comedy Club in Pasadena



**HOST**  
**MICHAEL**  
**ROBERTSON**

Las Vegas born & raised Michael Robertson, an up and coming local comedian who is known to Host and open for Vicki Barbolak is one not to miss. You can see him perform up and down the comedy clubs in Las Vegas.

Eddie's latest one hour special "The (Un)Special Comedy Special" can currently be seen on Amazon Prime. Eddie has made appearances on Comedy Centrals "Live at Gotham" and "Crossballs", "Last Comic Standing", "The Late Late Show", "History of the Joke" and "Surviving The Holidays w/ Lewis Black" on The History Channel. "Hollywood Reporter" named Eddie Pence one of the Top New Faces of the Montreal Comedy Festival also he was a finalist in the Seattle International Comedy Competition, as well as a semi-finalist at the Boston Comedy Competition.



**EDDIE PENCE**

# BEHIND **THE** COMEDIAN

# SEASON 3

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## **CAST**



### ELI NICOLAS

Eli Nicolas is one of the fastest rising stars in the L.A. comedy scene. Born in Thailand and raised in Cerritos, CA much of Eli's material is cultivated from growing up surrounded by diverse cultures. His ability to connect with audiences from all walks of life is attributed to his upbringing. Eli captivates audiences with cleverly woven material allowing him to grace world famous stages such as the Laugh Factory, The Comedy Store, and other comedy club venues across the country. Known for his energetic stage presence and his unique voice, Eli continually leaves audiences rolling in laughter show after show.

### LEAH KNAUER

A master of impressions, musical improv, and stand-up, Leah Knauer is a comedic force. From going viral on TikTok to the stage to the screen, this witty Philly girl is constantly charming audiences with sass and songs. Leah is a regular performer at the Hollywood Improv, Pasadena Ice House, and recurring guest on the Adam Carolla Show. You've seen her on Comedy Central, Jimmy Kimmel Live, BuzzFeed, and has been in movies Pink Skies Ahead, Jay and Silent Bob Reboot, and more. Follow Leah on Instagram and TikTok @LeahKnauer.



# BEHIND THE COMEDIAN

# SEASON 3

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## CAST



### GABBY VARGAS

Hailing from the east coast (NYC and FL) now lives in California. Gabby is full of energy that you would not want to miss. After five years in comedy, performing at clubs across the country and internationally. Trained at Second City and UCB, Gabrielle's improv skills are so good, she could talk her way out of a parking ticket. When she's not cracking jokes, she's embodying her pro-wrestling alter ego, Vicious Veronica VaRoom, a roller-derby villain ready to take you down—both with laughs and maybe a suplex.

### CORY & CHAD

Cory and Chad, The Smash Brothers, are identical twin brothers born and raised outside of Los Angeles in the Inland Empire. Despite their identical DNA, They are almost polar opposites in personality and lifestyle. The two will shock and surprise you on stage with what each will say or do next. They'll share comedic stories of growing up and all the antics involved in being identical twins. The Smash Brothers are a must-see as one of LA's top comedy duo performances. Cory and Chad started doing stand-up comedy in 2004. In 2006, they created, produced, and directed The Dirty Show, at the Ontario, California Improv. The Dirty Show has numerous sold out performances and is currently the longest running comedy show at any Improv in the United States. In 2007, they appeared on the first season of Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? and discovered that, combined together, they are only as smart as a 4th grader! Between 2012 through 2017, The Smash Brothers toured the country multiple times with Ralphie May and were a fixture of his Filthy Animal Tour. In 2015 they filmed and are featured in Andrew Dice Clay's The Blue Show currently on the Showtime Network.



# BEHIND **THE** COMEDIAN

# SEASON 4

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## **CAST**

Filmed live at L.A. Comedy Club in Las Vegas



**HOST**  
**CHRIS CLARKE**

Born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut to Jamaican parents, Chris Clarke brings high energy, credibility, and authenticity as the host of Season 4. With experience touring alongside Rob Schneider, appearing in multiple comedy specials including Dry Bar's Born American, Jamaican Parents, and co-hosting the popular podcast Standing on Business with the Hodgetwins, Chris guides the season with humor, insight, and real industry perspective, creating space for honest and compelling conversations.

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Justin Tietjen captivates audiences with a sharp, thoughtful voice and an unforgettable stage presence. Born with muscular dystrophy, Justin approaches comedy without seeking sympathy, instead using humor to highlight overlooked perspectives and everyday experiences. His performances blend honesty, relatability, and intelligence, making him one of Las Vegas' most memorable voices in comedy today.



**JUSTIN  
TIETJEN**

# BEHIND **THE** COMEDIAN

# SEASON 4

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## **CAST**



### **ROB SHERWOOD**

Veteran comedian Rob Sherwood has been a staple of the Las Vegas comedy scene for decades. Born in New York and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Rob has headlined clubs and casinos nationwide and has opened for Carrot Top at The Luxor for over 10 years. With a background in music, radio, and behind-the-scenes production, Rob's relatable, observational humor and charismatic stage presence resonate with audiences of all ages.

### **COLLEN PARKER**

Los Angeles-based comedian, actor, and filmmaker Collen Parker blends comedy with emotional depth and bold storytelling. Trained at The Groundlings and featured in the Max series *Hustlers*, *Gamblers*, *Crooks*, Collen represents the next wave of multi-hyphenate creatives.



# BEHIND THE COMEDIAN

# SEASON 4 CAST



## BRANDON REAVES

Hailing from The Bronx, New York, Brandon Reaves built his comedy career in the gritty bars and lounges of NYC while working as a train operator. After overcoming personal battles with depression and alcohol abuse, Brandon transformed his life and his art, turning pain into powerful punchlines. A writer, actor, and headliner at the legendary Apollo Theater, Brandon's comedy is raw, resilient, and deeply human.



## TODD ROYCE

Kill Tony Golden Ticket winner Todd Royce brings fearless self-deprecation and sharp honesty to Season 4. Originally from the Pacific Northwest and now based in Las Vegas, Todd draws from his past as a professional wrestler, his 15-year marriage, body image struggles, and the realities of middle-aged life. His authenticity and comedic timing make him one of the most relatable performers of the season.



## JIMMY MCMURRIN

Las Vegas native Jimmy McMurrin attacks every stage with intensity, flair, and fearless confidence. With over seven years performing at top comedy clubs and sharing stages with some of the biggest names in stand-up, Jimmy's high-impact, high-energy style continues to position him as a rising force in the comedy world.