

CLAUDE STUART

From packing comedy venues across the globe to regular television appearances on shows like "The Tonight Show," and "Last Comic Standing," Claude Stuart has come a long way from his down home southern roots. By his own admission, he was **"paddled on more than one occasion for being the class clown."** Claude's explosive, in-your-face, rapid-fire, madman stage style is truly an exhilarating assault on the senses and has evoked comparisons to golden era physical comedians such as Steve Martin, Robin Williams and Jim Carrey. Claude's unique brand of Don Rickles-esque crowd interaction, coupled with clever well-written jokes makes him not only the world's first *physical* insult comedian but a "comedy triple threat!"

Claude's decision to pursue a career as a comedian was not well received by his family. Born in deep south tugboat town, Greenville Mississippi, Claude's attorney father and school teacher mother were not initially thrilled their only son chose stand-up over law school. Growing up, there was a lot of judgement. **"Most kids got in trouble; I got cross examined and would hear things like, 'This is what you did wrong and here's why,'"** says Claude. Instead of taking the criticism personally, he transformed the experience into the unique style his fans have come to know and love. He likens his comedy to legal arguments focused upon proving a point, which clearly comes from growing up in a family full of lawyers. Now, even his parents agree: Comedy was the right choice.

Claude's natural comedic flair was recognized early on. As a teen he interned at a local radio station and ended up writing and performing a morning show broadcast to over 30 cities nationwide. Next he won the title, "Funniest Person at SMU." After a pit stop in Houston where he developed his stand up act, he naturally ended up in L.A.. This led to an extremely successful stand up career; as well as myriad appearances in feature films and television, including a recent spot starring with Jay Leno on the wildly popular "Undercover Jay" skit segment of "The Tonight Show." Some of his other credits include national commercials for products such as, *Honda, Heineken, Jeep, Grapenuts* and even *Midol*. He has appeared on "That 70's Show," "Scrubs," "Comics Unleashed," "Entertainers," "The Best Damn Sports Period!," "Oblivious!," "Talk Soup" and as a regular on "The Bob and Tom Show."

Claude frequently performs at the world famous Hollywood Improv and is currently on tour, headlining comedy clubs, colleges, cruise ships and military tours for our troops; nationwide and internationally. Claude also recently co-founded the production company/sketch comedy team "Recycled Babies"; in which he is a writer, producer and performer. He is also appearing in the upcoming Adam Carolla movie, *Road Hard*.