



ROBERT POWELL III

Robert Powell III is a stand-up comedian, political satirist, and actor. Born in Monroe, Louisiana Robert attended University of Louisiana at Monroe before getting his Masters' degree in Political Science from Texas Christian University.

After graduating, Robert worked as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Mayor James E. Mayo. Upon moving to the State Capital, Robert became a Special Assistant under Governor Bobby Jindal. Even as a rising star on the Louisiana political scene, Robert's desire to become a stand-up comedian put him at a crossroads, and his superiors in the Governor's office gave him an ultimatum – either comedy or politics. Thankfully, Robert chose comedy.

After a few years of paying his dues (which included sleeping in his car and \$11 a night motels), Robert was named Louisiana's Comedian of The Year three years in a row. In 2012, Robert joined the *Shaquille O'Neal All-Star Comedy Jam Tour* in addition to opening for comedy stars such as Kevin Hart, Mike Epps, DL Hughley, Cedric the Entertainer, and Ron White, as well as musicians such as Ludacris, Anthony Hamilton, and Lil' Wayne.

Robert made his television debut on **SHAQUILLE O'NEAL ALL STAR COMEDY JAM** for Showtime and then appeared on the series **WE GOT NEXT** for Magic Johnson's Aspire Network. Currently, he is the host and Executive Producer of **COMIC EDGE** for Aspire Network.

Most recently, Robert received rave reviews for his performance on the New Faces showcase at the 2016 **Just For Laughs Comedy Festival** in Montreal.

Robert splits his time between Dallas, TX and Los Angeles.