

Alonzo Bodden

A regular panel member on NPR's *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me*, Alonzo Bodden has been making audiences around the country laugh for more than 20 years.

In his stand-up special, *Heavy Lightweight*, which streams on Amazon Prime Video this summer, he goes from heavy topics like slavery, politics, and the #MeToo movement, to lightweight topics such as millennials, yoga pants and Taco Bell. some topics you cant categorize like Kanye West. As he says, "he likes to mix it up and hopes that audiences will join him for a laugh and a think, or two."

His first big comedy break came when he was on the "New Faces of Comedy" showcase at the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal, but it was as the season three winner of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, where Alonzo was first introduced to America.

Since then, he has starred in two comedy specials for Showtime: *Historically Incorrect* and *Who's Paying Attention*. He's also made appearances on ABC's *Dr. Ken* and *Fresh Off the Boat*, *Dr. Phil*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, Comedy Central's *The Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore* and *Californication*.

He's also hosted the live touring version of Family Fued, the Just For Laughs comedy awards show along with numerous charity fundraisers

A car and motorcycle aficionado, Bodden hosted Speed Channel's *101 Cars You Must Drive* and *America's Worst Driver* on the Travel Channel, and has joined Jay Leno for several trips on his CNBC series *Leno's Garage*. He was also a field correspondent on *Animal Nation with*

Anthony Anderson, and a contributor on the Science Channel's *How to Build Everything*.

Last year, Alonzo released his fifth comedy CD titled *Man Overboard*, and currently hosts the podcast *Who's Paying Attention?* where he gives his unique take on what's going on in the world.