



TOMMY DAVIDSON

Biography



Tommy Davidson's exceptional range – from stand-up comedy and acting to versatile music accomplishments – have earned him a reputation as an extraordinary performer. Best known as one of the stars of the hit television show *In Living Color*, his visibility has allowed him to become a household name known for his innovative talent.

Davidson started his career as a standup comedian in Washington DC, earning an ardent following with relentless work in the leading comedy clubs. Spotted by major concert promoters, he was first booked as the opening act for Patti LaBelle, Kenny G and Luther Vandross. It wasn't long before he came to Hollywood and was headlining the biggest rooms and met Robert Townsend. This led to his first national television appearance with a starring role in *Partners in Crime* and was the conduit to Keenan Ivory Wayans, who proved instrumental in Davidson's career by offering him an opportunity to audition.

Tommy and Jamie Foxx, Jim Carrey, Damon Wayans and David Alan Grier -- the uniquely talented cast of the most adventurous primetime variety show on television, *In Living Color* (1990), made TV history. The iconic sketch show was recently honored with the 'Groundbreaking Award' by TV Land in a star-studded salute guided by Whoopi Goldberg and this year celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Tommy's film debut started opposite Halle Berry in *Strictly Business*. A range of feature film roles from Spike Lee's *Bamboozled*, where he received acclaim and praise for his turn as "Womack/Sleep 'N Eats," to *Juwanna Mann* (Morgan Creek Productions) and the pivotal cameo in Jim Carrey's *Ace Ventura II: When Nature Calls*, followed. He starred in 2011's landmark, award-winning documentary, *I Am Comic*, opposite Tim Allen, Lewis Black, Sarah Silverman, Carlos Mencia, Jeff Foxworthy and Kathy Griffin

Davidson's hilarious impressions of Sammy Davis Jr., Michael Jackson and other icons have become infamous. His visibility on *In Living Color* led to three Showtime specials: *On Strength of New York*, *Illin' in Philly* and *Takin' it to DC*. Tommy is the host and star of Showtime's *Chocolate Sundaes* special (eOne) which garnered rave reviews upon premiere and remains one of eOne Film's best sellers.

His elasticity as a performer who delivers on the small screen ranges from recent guest starring roles on BET's *Real Husbands of Hollywood*, opposite Kevin Hart and Nick Cannon and *Celebrity Wife Swap*. As a voice artist, America has fallen in love with Tommy as the star of Will Smith's animated series, *Youngin's*, Disney's animated series, *The Proud Family* and Michael Jai White in the critically-lauded spoof comedy, *Black Dynamite* (Turner Network's Adult Swim) as the character 'Cream Corn.'

His starring role in last summer's *Sharknado 4* (SyFy) brought in their highest numbers in history. Shortly after, he signed to host CW's new series, *Vacation Creation*, which premiered in Oct. 2016 and enjoys a growing worldwide audience. He currently stars in the feature doc, *Dying Laughing*, alongside Jamie Foxx, Kevin Hart, Amy Schumer and Sarah Silverman which is earning rave reviews.

His newest business venture, Tongue in Cheek by Tommy Davidson, quintessential men's ties and suit accessories, launched June 2016 and has been featured on a number of tv shows and in major magazines.
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