

## **LUENELL | at a glance**

**“ ... one of the top 25 funniest people in LA.” –  
LA Magazine**



Luenell maybe be small is stature, but she more than makes up for it with her big personality. If she's in the room, you'll know it. Her booming voice and infectious laughter is a dead giveaway that you're in the midst of her company.

Easily recognizable for her signature look – that is, her platinum blonde Caesar haircut, beautifully manicured long nails and a blinged-out pimp cup in hand – Luenell, has been thrilling audiences with her brand of comedy for almost 20 years. She calls herself the “Original Bad Girl of Comedy.”

Luenell appears in the Oscar-nominated film, “A Star is Born,” directed by Bradley Cooper and starring Cooper and Lady Gaga. With eight Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and a win for Best Original Song, Luenell is happy to have a small part in a big film! In addition, Luenell rocks the mic in the new Showtime comedy special, called “Funny Women of a Certain Age,” on Showtime, sharing the stage with Fran Drescher (“The Nanny”), Carole Montgomery, Lynne Koplitz, Kerri Louise and Vanessa Hollingshead. Plus, she makes a cameo appearance in the music video, “I Like Boys,” by former American Idol singer/songwriter and choreographer Todrick Hall, which has already amassed more than 2.8 million views on YouTube.

Coming up ... Look for Luenell in the sequel “I’ve Got the Hookup-2,” an urban cult classic, starring music mogul/businessman Master P and his son, Romeo Miller, heading to theatres in July 2019. Plus, she’s part of the ensemble cast of the new Netflix movie, “Dolemite Is My Name,” starring comedy legend Eddie Murphy, due out this year. In addition, she just released her comedy CD, “Luenell Live: I Only Drink at Work,” available on digital platforms everywhere. And then there’s Las Vegas!! Luenell wrapped up her three-month Las Vegas residency at the SLS hotel in Viva Las Vegas! But, she’s not through with Las Vegas! Back by popular demand, she has a limited run at Jimmy Kimmel’s Comedy Club at The LINQ Promenade in Vegas.

Born in Tollette, Arkansas, this funny lady moved to the Oakland, Calif. at the age of 2 months old. She comes from a very large family, as the youngest of eight brothers and sisters. The daughter of a father, who served in the Army, and a mother, who worked for the Tyson Chicken Plant, Luenell caught the acting bug early in life after seeing the musicals -- “South Pacific” and “Ain’t S’posed To Die A Natural Death.” She enrolled in theatre classes in grade school and continued her studies through college, earning a bachelor’s in English from California State University, Hayward (now California State University, East Bay). An aspiring actress, she eventually joined the Oakland Ensemble Theatre.

During her time in the Bay area, Luenell had a stint in the longest running cabaret show in San Francisco – that is, “Beach Blanket Babylon.” She got her start in showbiz, hosting a local cable show, called “Soul Beat,” run by Chuck Johnson. The show ran from 1978 to 2003, and discovered all the major Oakland artists like Digital Underground, MC Hammer and Too Short. She credits that experience and the connections she made to that show, back in the late 1990s, to making her a “hood star” before landing in Los Angeles.

Although African American audiences are familiar with Luenell from her appearances on BET's ComicView, she crossed over to mainstream after her role in the 2006 hit mockumentary-styled comedy film "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." She portrayed a prostitute, named Luenell, with a heart of gold. And in the end, just like Julia Roberts's character in "Pretty Woman," Luenell got the guy! On the heels of the film's release, she embarked on a successful, 60-city tour with "Money Mike" Katt Williams.

Luenell has appeared in various comedy specials such as Katt Williams's "American Hustle" and "Katthouse Comedy" as well as "Comedy After Dark." She's also a featured comic on "Laffapalooza," hosted by Jamie Foxx; "First Amendment Standup," presented by Martin Lawrence; and the "Comedy Central Roast of Flavor Flav" as well as stand-up appearances in "Snoop Dogg's Bad Girls of Comedy" on Showtime and "Stand-up in Stilettos" on the TV Guide Network.

As an actress, her television credits include "The Middle," "Always Sunny in Philadelphia," "Headcase," "Chocolate News," "The Tony Rock Project" and "Californication" – just to name a few. And on the big screen, she's appeared in "Spring Breakdown," "All About Steve," "Think Like a Man," "Think Like a Man Too," "Taken 2," "That's My Boy," and the hit animated film, "Hotel Transylvania" and its sequel, "Hotel Transylvania 2" as well as the hip hop cult classic, "Never Die Alone."

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