

## **Wil Sylvince**



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### **What drew you to comedy?**

The Force...I just like to make people laugh. Laughter is good for your soul. It heals the body.

### **How do you compare comedy to hip hop?**

Hip Hop is a culture, a religion to some. Comedy was influence by Hip Hop, then again what isn't influence by Hip Hop. Back in the Richard Pryor days you didn't really see the presence of Hip Hop at all in the comedians. Today, you have "Def Comedy Jam," where the comedians come out to Hip Hop music. That was unheard of back then when comedians just walked on stage when announced by the host. Before the 90's, comedians use to wear suits. Today's comics are Hip Hop down-baggy jeans, Timbs, designer shirts, etc. Red Foxx, Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy were already successful. When "Def Comedy Jam" hit the air, America got to see 1000 Eddies, Richards, and Foxxs. Something that America unknowingly craved for a long time! Russell Simmons was a huge turning point for comedy. Coinciding with the demand for black comics was the steep raise in popularity of Hip Hop. It was the perfect marriage and "Def Comedy Jam" was an instant hit. Whether they would admit it or not, the show made the careers of Martin Lawrence, Chris Tucker, Bernie Mac, the Kings/Queens Of Comedy and many more known and unheard of comics (like myself).

Rappers and comics are similar in that both jobs are a hustle, they tell stories, and wear Hip Hop attire.

Where they differ is rappers talk about how much money they have on their first single! (e.g. "I got so much money I gave Bill Gates a Loan"... "I shit thousand dollar bills"... "I pee platinum liquid. My house is made out of marble and gold with Louis Vuitton inside"... "I'm bling-blinging more than Santa Claus"... "I got enough money to pay your mamma to kill you"). It isn't cool being a broke rapper. Comedians talk about how broke they are-even after they made it. (e.g. "Man when we were broke we were so hungry my back was rubbing my stomach"... "For Christmas my mom brought us a video tape of other kids playing with toys-we had to borrow a VCR and a TV to watch it"... "I went to school with one shoe, my friend said you lose a shoe, I said no I found one"... "We had a 40" screen black and white radio"... "Our TV had two channels-ON or OFF"... "My parents got married for the rice"... "We went trick-or-treating on Thanksgiving"... "I used to sell loose M&M's on the corner"). You can't be funny and rich. When was the last time you heard Bill Gates tell a joke?

### **What are your television/film aspirations?**

I want to do action/comedy films...*Beverly Hills Cop, Rush Hour, etc.*

### **Who is/was the best black comedian on "Saturday Night Live?"**

Eddie Murphy hands down!

### **If there were two female celebrities you could see in a catfight, who would they be and why?**

Where you get this question from? Hmmm Foxy Brown and Lil Kim. There would be thongs, titties and hair weaves all over the place. Guys love to see girls fight and titties is known to make grand appearances in a catfight

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