

## 411 Magazine

### A REAL CHARACTER

Actor/comedian Jason Stuart has been in many of your favorite TV shows and will be at Parliament House on March 15

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YOU MIGHT NOT ALWAYS REMEMBER THE name Jason Stuart, but you can bet that you've seen his work. The actor/comedian has been in "Will & Grace," "George Lopez," "Everybody Hates Chris," "House, M.D.," "Charmed," and "My Wife and Kids." He was also recently in the film "Coffee Date" and was nominated for a Gay International Film Award for best supporting actor for his performance.

The openly gay actor and comedian makes it a point to give back to the community. He is the Chairman of the first ever Screen Actors Guild LGBT Committee and chairs the comedy shows for Lifeworks Mentoring Program. He has also performed comedy at many Pride fests all over the country.

Stuart has performed at 100s of comedy clubs and festivals and his stand-up comedy CD, "Jason Stuart: Gay Comedy Without A Dress" was a success and his first stand up special, "Jason Stuart: Making It To The Middle" will air on Here! TV from March 28 to April 24.

411 caught up with the fun and talented Stuart to see what he has in store for his first appearance at Parliament House and find out more about his upcoming comedy special.

411: Who are your influences?

JASON STUART: I was always funny, but I always used it as a defense. Comedians I admire are Lily Tomlin, Richard Lewis, Joan Rivers, Sandra Bernhard and Louie Anderson. The actors are Dustin Hoffman, Whoopi Goldberg, and Geraldine Page.

Who is your favorite comedian?

I don't go to see comedy because I am in it so much.  
What has been your favorite role so far?

Most recently in 'Coffee Date' playing Clayton. I was nominated for that. It was great fun working with all actors.

What would be your dream role?

I would love to be on 'The Shield' or 'Grey's Anatomy' to play that rude nurse who tells Bailey she can't get what she wants.

Why did you name your special 'Jason Stuart: Making It To The Middle'?

It's the middle of my life, in the middle of the country, shot it in middle of my career. I always thought I would be a big fat star and it didn't turn out that way. Turns out I am a working guy. I thought I would be the next Streisand or next DeNiro, but it doesn't work out that way for gay men.

Tell me about your special.

The special is 50, 55 minutes and shows what it's like. It shows me getting to the event, it shows how unglamorous is it off the stage. And of course there's standup. I talk about dating, pop culture, my family.  
Are you in a relationship?

In a relationship now? No. Let them all know I am looking for a great guy. Handsome, smart, sexy and a really, really good man.

Have you performed at Parliament House a lot?

I've never performed there, but I've been there.

What are you looking forward to about your performance there?

Fun, outrageously sexy men and having a great old funny time. I hope that the people really dig my show. I haven't performed for an all gay audience in a while. Gay men are sometimes a little more sensitive and you can't get away with as much.

What topics will you touch on?

Men, men and more men! I also like to do a question and answer part of my show.

What is the weirdest thing you've been asked in a Q&A?

Straight men always ask the weirdest questions. They ask if I'm a top or a bottom. I always say, 'I'm an actor, I play both parts.' When I perform in the Midwest, there are always married couples in the audience who have a boyfriend or girlfriend who live with them. These are your fans, huh?

Yes, these are my people.