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Making It to the Middle

New Comedy Special Featuring Out Comedian Jason Stuart Will Premiere on March 28

Known as the first openly-gay performer to headline mainstream comedy clubs all over the U.S., Jason Stuart is now the first male comedian to have his own stand-up comedy special on here! TV. "Jason Stuart: Making It to the Middle" will debut on Friday, March 28.

Filmed in Los Angeles at The Showcase Theatre for the Lifework Mentoring Program (a non-profit organization for gay youths), the special features a look at Stuart's hilarious rapid-fire stand-up routine as well offer as a poignant behind-the-scenes take at a brilliant comic in the middle of his career, in the middle of his life, and in the middle of the country.

"I always thought I'd be as famous as Barbra Streisand or as Lil Kim's wig washer. I ended up being neither," says Stuart. "I made it to the middle."

Seen in more than 100 films and television shows ("My Wife and Kids," "Everybody Hates Chris") Stuart has had a remarkable career as an actor and comedian. This year, he adds to his impressive resume with roles in several films: a naïve priest in "Twisted Faith"; a jaded doctor in "Ping Pong Playa"; a nurse in a rehab center in "Family of Four"; and a bitchy fashion designer in "Drop Dead Gorgeous," (not to be mistaken for the film of the same name starring Kirsten Dunst).

When he's not blazing a trail as a performer on stage and screen, Stuart likes to "pay it forward" with his work in the gay community, he said, and is the chairman of the first-ever SAG (Screen Actors' Guild) LGBT Committee, which recently held its first meeting.

“All I ever wanted to do was act, but being gay is part of who I am too,” says Stuart. “This first meeting is the culmination of my desire to provide LGBT SAG members with a platform to share their issues and to get support from their colleagues.”