

## JASON STUART: Back by Popular Demand!

As if one chance isn't enough, openly gay actor/comic Jason Stuart is scheduled for a return visit to Michigan in the very near future. For those of you who remember Stuart's comedy set at last year's Affirmations Gay and Lesbian Comedy Fest, this star climbing funny man is not only appearing at Joey's Comedy Club in Dearborn but also can be seen in a guest starring role on the hit sitcom "My Wife & Kids" playing a gay shrink.

The show set to air on January 16 is starring Damon Wayans (In Living Color) and Tisha Cambell-Martin (Martin), who play Michael and Janet Kyle. His character "Dr. Steven Michael Thomas" is in a long-term relationship with an actor who works in musical theatre (surprise, surprise). Stuart remarks about his new role, "gay guy, playing gay guy on TV. Wow, something new and so cool." The rumor mill says that the reaction to his role was so positive that there is mucho talk of the part recurring this season.

While keeping pace with his TV appearances and touring show Stuart's new comedy CD, "Gay Comeclly Without A Dress" has sold 10,000 copies. Stuart is thrilled at the CD's success. On stage he quips, "I always wanted to play doctor like the other kids, they always made me be the receptionist."

This comic has been touring the USA for the past 8 years after coming out on one of the daytime talkers. Breaking down stereotypes of "gay comics" by headlining mainstream comedy clubs and theatres to mostly sell out crowds. Stuart says "It's been a long road but fans make it worth it." This is what he calls "After Ellen," who Stuart credits making it all possible. Years before industry types would comment "Talented, but what do we do with him." What's it like for a gay performer up against all these odds selling all these CDs? Who will take notice that the public wants to see a gay man who's not drop dead gorgeous and break the glass ceiling for gay male performers.

Can Hollywood change with the rest of the country? That is the question Stuart is waiting to see.

In terms of the industry Stuart has been cast in eight guest shots in the last two years including The Drew Carey Show, Charmed, Providence, Norm, Three Sisters; and Will & Grace. And three indie films Ghost Of A Chance with Scott Bakula, Dawg with Elizabeth Hurley and Dennis Leary. He's making his dramatic debut in film Southern Man, which is out on Vanguard home video. Always asked the question, are the characters gay? "My characters don't have enough time for a sexual preference".

Stuart will be appearing at Joey's Comedy Castle for 6 performances from January 17-20 2002.

For tickets and more info caQ313-584-8885.