

## BIO - CEDRIC "THE ENTERTAINER"

Charismatic actor and comedian, Cedric "The Entertainer" is best known for his crowd-pleasing performances in hit films & television shows such as "Barbershop" (franchise); "Be Cool" with John Travolta; "Intolerable Cruelty" with George Clooney; the top-ranking "Madagascar" animated franchise; "Johnson Family Vacation", the 2004 box-office hit in which he was both star & producer; and "The Original Kings of Comedy," MTV'S mega-successful concert feature directed by Spike Lee which captured the phenomenon of the record-breaking "Kings of Comedy Tour"; the long-running top-ranked WB sitcom "The Steve Harvey Show"; more recently, for five seasons in his own hit comedy series "The Soul Man" on TV Land; and, now, starring opposite Tracy Morgan & Tiffany Haddish in the acclaimed TBS original dramedy, "The Last OG". Simultaneously, in May 2018, "The Neighborhood" was picked up as Cedric's new sitcom on CBS Television in which he will star and also executive produce.

Cedric's universal appeal, versatility, and tremendous career success spanning film, live performances, and television have solidified his standing as one of the premier entertainers in the world.

On the big screen, the multi-talented funnyman has consistently co-starred alongside some of the most renowned film actors. He was most recently seen in the comedy feature "Why Him?" co-starring opposite Oscar nominated actors Bryan Cranston and James Franco. (Dec. 23, 2016). Cedric has also been seen co-starring with Ice Cube in the #1-ranked box office comedy hit "BarberShop: The Next Cut" (2016); appearing opposite Chris Rock in the acclaimed comedy feature "Top Five" (2014); in starring cameos with Marlon Wayans in the box office hits "A Haunted House" (2013) and its sequel "A Haunted House 2" (2014); "Grassroots" with Jason Biggs and directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal (2012); He has co-starred opposite Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks in "Larry Crowne" (2011); "All's Faire in Love: Romance Has A Renaissance" opposite Christina Ricci (2011); appeared in "Cadillac Records" co-starring Adrien Brody and Beyonce Knowles (2008); "Street Kings" opposite Keanu Reeves (2008); "Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins" with Martin Lawrence (2008); "Talk to Me" starring Don Cheadle (2007); "Code Name: The Cleaner" opposite Lucy Liu (2007); "The Honeymooners" with Mike Epps (2005); "Man of the House" with Tommy Lee Jones (2005); "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" with Jim Carrey (2004); "Barbershop 2: Back In Business" (2004); "Serving Sara" with Matthew Perry and Elizabeth Hurley (2002); "Kingdom Come" with Whoopi Goldberg (2001); "Big Momma's House" (2000); and "Ride" (1998).

Additionally, Cedric has displayed tremendous voiceover talent in the beloved family features "Disney's Planes" (2013) and its sequel "Disney's Planes: Fire & Rescue" (2014); "Charlotte's Web" (2006); "Madagascar" (2005), and sequels "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" (2008), "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted" (2012) - franchise mentioned earlier; "Ice Age" (2002); and "Dr. Dolittle2" (2001). He will next be seen taking a dramatic acting turn in the feature film "First Reformed" co-starring opposite Ethan Hawke and Amanda Seyfried. Written and directed by Paul Schrader (May 2018 release).

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Currently, on the television front, Cedric can be seen starring opposite Tracy Morgan and Tiffany Haddish in the new hit TBS comedy series, "The Last OG" (April 3, 2018 debut). Concurrently, Cedric also stars in "The Comedy Get Down", a clever mockumentary series (based on his current national comedy tour of the same name) in which he shares the screen & stage with fellow funny men George Lopez, DL

Hughley, Eddie Griffin, & the late Charlie Murphy. The show wittily exaggerates the many funny things that happen to the comics while on tour. (Debuted October 12, 2017 for 10 episodes ... Aired Thursdays at 11:30pm on BET Networks). In March 2018, "Welcome To The Neighborhood" (now entitled "The Neighborhood ") was announced as Cedric's new TV project in-development at CBS in which he will star and also executive produce -- Cedric will portray 'Calvin', a strong, proud man who dislikes his new next door neighbors, the Johnson family, who he regards with disdain and as a pack of interlopers bringing change to the neighborhood he has lived in for 30 years.

Past small screen successes include Cedric's much-talked-about NETFLIX comedy special CEDRIC "THE ENTERTAINER": LIVE FROM THE VILLE which premiered on SEPT. 16, 2016 to great audience response, and it is still streaming. (Taped at the historical Ryman Auditorium in Nashville). The hour-long special showcases the stellar comedian as he takes hilarious aim at the aggressive lyrics of today's hip-hop artists, dissects the task of raising kids in the Snapchat generation, and gives his one-of-a-kind take on the current political climate and President Obama's legacy.

In June 2016, Cedric wrapped the fifth & final season of his hit comedy series, "The Soul Man", in which he starred as the quirky & funny "Reverend Boyce 'The Voice' Ballentine". The popular show was TV Land's original hit sitcom which Cedric co-created and executive-produced. It revolved around a former "big-sexy" R&B superstar-turned-minister, who gets "the calling" and relocates to St. Louis with his reluctant family to preach in his father's church. His plan - - to go from singing soul to saving souls! The transition proves more challenging than he imagined in this fun "fish out of water" tale. (In the final season, Rev. Boyce "The Voice" was running for mayor! - - He became Boyce "The Choice"!). The talented cast sharing the marquee with Cedric for the five-season run included: popular comedic actress Niecy Nash (portraying "Lolli" his wife), veteran actor John Beasley (portraying "Barton Ballentine" his cantankerous father), and versatile young actor Wesley Jonathan (portraying his carefree younger brother "Stamps")...the hit show also boasted great special guest star appearances along the way (from Martin Lawrence to Cee Lo Green to Robert Forster to Al Jarreau to Missi Pyle to Sherri Shepherd & many many more).

Marking an exciting and memorable career highlight in television, on March 20, 2013, Cedric was named host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" joining the iconic game show in it's 12th season in national syndication in its weekday version. Cedric agreed to host for 1 season through August 2014, then moved on to the many other TV & film projects on his busy non-stop schedule.

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In 2006, Cedric's first-ever HBO comedy special, "Cedric the Entertainer: Taking You Higher," was the highest-rated special of the year for the network. A few years later, in 2008, Cedric made his Broadway debut in David Mamet's masterpiece "American Buffalo," where his performance was singled out for critical praise.

Some notable career accolades for the multi-talented entertainer include: The AFTRA Award of Excellence in Television Programming for his Fox Television series "Cedric the Entertainer Presents," and the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for Disney's animated series "The Proud Family." He also received record-breaking four consecutive NAACP Image Awards for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for his portrayal of the lovable Coach Cedric Robinson

on the WB's top rated sitcom "The Steve Harvey Show," which ran for six seasons. In 1994 Cedric also received The Richard Pryor Comic of the Year Award from Black Entertainment Television for his performance as host of "Def Comedy Jam" and "BET's Comic View." His first comedy book, Grown-Ass Man, was released in January 2002 and sold out across the country. In 2001, a viewing audience of over 144 million saw Cedric star in the Bud Light commercial that landed the #1 spot during the Super Bowl broadcast, which led USA Today to dub him "Madison Avenue's Most Valuable Player.

Now helming his own production company, A Bird And A Bear Entertainment, Cedric develops and produces feature films. "Johnson Family Vacation" was the first under this banner. In 2009, he made his directorial debut overseeing the dance-film spoof "Dance Fu," starring comic actor Kel Mitchell.

In 2011 Cedric launched his WHOCed designer hat line, highlighting yet another facet of the busy and creative comedy star.

As a philanthropist, Cedric founded The Cedric The Entertainer Charitable Foundation, which provides scholarships and outreach programs to enhance the lives of inner-city youth and their families in his hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. The foundation has awarded hundreds of scholarships and countless incentives, and plans to extend its reach to a national level. His annual Cedric "The Entertainer" Celebrity Golf Classic, now in its sixth year (2018), is a top charity event which raises funds to benefit: \*The Kyles Family Foundation, \*The Brotherhood Crusade of Los Angeles, \*The Boys & Girls Club of Camarillo - - all three charities support inner city/at-risk youth.

Presently performing across the country, Cedric has joined forces with George Lopez and fellow top comedians -- D.L. Hughley, Eddie Griffin, and the late Charlie Murphy -- for "THE COMEDY GET DOWN TOUR"! They have been selling out arenas for the past 4 years now. ABOUT THE "COMEDY GET DOWN TOUR" -- The original endeavor was mounted for a special concert event which took place in Oct 2014 in Peoria, Illinois to raise funds towards building a statue of legendary comedian RICHARD PRYOR in his hometown of Peoria. That mission was accomplished!! AND, the comedian friends had so much fun that they decided to continue

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performing together...Thus, giving rise to the current tour. NOTE: As mentioned earlier, the NEW MOCK REALITY SHOW "The Comedy Get Down" is based on this tour. The witty TV series highlights & cleverly exaggerates the many strange & funny things that happen to the comics while on this real-life tour.

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