



# Derek Gaines

On July 30th, 2003, he went to his first open mic night at the Laff House in Philadelphia and started what he likes to call the road of the "tainted church boy".

From that open mic he moved around to Rascals Comedy Club, The Improv in Time Square NY, The Time Square Arts Center, the Broadway Comedy Club, and opened for Bill Bellamy at Caroline's in Manhattan.

He was a semi finalist on the 4th season of the hit TV show Bill Bellamy's Who's Got Jokes and placed 3rd at Philly's Funniest Person at the Helium Comedy Club in Philadelphia.

He has graced the stages of various colleges, such as: University of DC, Maryland Eastern Shore University, Delaware State, Rutgers New Brunswick, University of Newhaven, and Millersville University.

Derek Gaines is a California native raised in Philadelphia for about 12 years. In those 12 years his mother found him to be a ham, especially around company, but didn't think much of it. He and his mother relocated to New Jersey, where his gift began to flourish. As he grew older, it became apparent that he had a natural gift to make people laugh.



## PAST COLLEGE DATES:

- Delaware State University
- Millersville University
- Rutgers University - New Brunswick
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- University of New Haven
- University of the District of Columbia