

# PATTON OSWALT

Patton Oswalt has been headlining clubs all over the US since 1996. In 1999, *Variety* chose him as one of ten "Comedians to Watch," and in 2002 he was *Entertainment Weekly's* "It" Comedian. Oswalt has filmed stand-up specials for HBO, as well as a recent hour long special for Comedy Central titled *Patton Oswalt: No Reason to Complain*.

Looking for a way to bring cutting edge comedy to a different audience, Oswalt put together the *Comedians of Comedy Tour* in 2004 with several other comics, using indie rock venues rather than traditional comedy clubs. The tour was documented in Showtime's 2005 film of the same name, which was followed by a six-episode series on Comedy Central, in which Patton starred and executive produced. TV credits include regular appearances on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, co-host of *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Seinfeld*, *NewsRadio*, *The Man Show* and *Crank Yankers*. He will reprise his role as "Spence" on the sixth season of *The King of Queens* on CBS. Oswalt has appeared in the films *Starsky & Hutch*, *Down Periscope*, *Man on the Moon*, *Run, Ronnie, Run!*, *Zoolander*, *ZigZag*, *Calendar Girls* and also played doomed skin diver "Delmer Darion" in Paul Thomas Anderson's *Magnolia*. He is also the voice of "Remy," the lead character in the Pixar film, *Ratatouille*.

His Comedy CD *Feelin' Kinda Patton* received rave reviews upon its release in the summer of 2004. As a writer, he spent two seasons on *MADtv* (FOX) and has also written and produced the *MTV Movie Awards*, *VH-1 Fashion Awards* and the *MTV Video Music Awards*. His short film, *A Pack of Gifts Now*, won an honorable mention at the 1999 *Sundance Film Festival*.

Patton's style of comedy has been described as acerbic and sarcastic, covering topics from pop culture frivolity such as comic book super-villains and 1980's hair metal to deeper societal issues including American excess, foreign policy, and religion. The *ChildCare Action Project*, a Christian-based website, gave both of his half-hour comedy specials "red alerts," primarily for Patton's focus on "male demon anatomy."

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