

# Aziz Ansari



Ansari began his career performing stand-up comedy in New York City while attending college at New York University. He frequently performed at Upright Citizen's Brigade Theatre. In 2005, Rolling Stone included him in their annual "Hot List" as their choice for the "Hot Standup" and he won the Jury Award for "Best Standup" at HBO's 2006 U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colorado. He occasionally tours colleges and music festivals and has also toured with the Comedians of Comedy and Flight of the Conchords. In late 2008, he announced his Glow in the Dark Standup Tour which ran until January 2009. In April 2009, Ansari stated on his Twitter more dates would be added in order to prepare for a DVD taping. Around the summer of 2005, Ansari began collaborating with fellow comedians Rob Huebel and Paul Scheer (both of the famed improv troupe Respecto Montalban), as well as director Jason Woliner to make short films. The first series created by the group was Shutterbugs, which followed Huebel and Ansari as cutthroat child talent agents. This was followed up by the Illusionators, which starred Ansari and Scheer as Criss Angel-style goth magicians. In mid-2006, MTV greenlit a sketch series from the group which debuted April 5, 2007.

Most recently, Aziz can be seen on NBC's Parks & Recreations. He has also appeared on the HBO series Flight of the Conchords. He appeared in the films Observe and Report with Seth Rogen and I Love You, Man with Paul Rudd and Jason Segel. Ansari also had a recurring role in Season 8 of the ABC sitcom Scrubs as Ed Dhandapani, a new intern to the hospital. In the summer of 2009, Ansari will appear in the Judd Apatow film Funny People with Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen as a young standup comedian named Randy.

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