

Dave Levinsohn

BORN: 1969 December 26

Dave Levinsohn's comedy style has been described as 'off the wall' and off the cuff. Having started as the host at the Coffee Lounge Comedy club in '97, he has become one of South Africa's most bankable comedy acts. The ex-Art Director made a wise move; graphic design's loss is comedy's gain. He loves making people laugh.

He has performed at the Vodacom International Comedy Festival, the Cape Town International and the Smirnoff Comedy Festival and is one of the first SA stand ups to be invited to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2012 with Loyiso Gola. He has graced the small screen in many commercials, some of which have gone on to win awards and have become viral successes. He co-presented the first series of SABC 3's 'Going Nowhere Slowly' and was a head writer on MNet's Late Night With Trevor Noah (2010).

On the comedy stage his material darts into more lateral territory, with his "slightlyweird-guy-next-door" approach to every subject under the sun; he's odd, without being offensive. His anarchic re-examination of everyday topics has won him fans at every appearance, as does his ability to improvise when interacting with the crowd. His on-the-spot skills often make it look as if he's making it up as he goes... that's because he is! He is a regular host at Parker's Comedy Club at Montecasino and has a comedy night he produces called 'Gangsta' comedy in Bedfordview.

This versatile comic offers off-beat fun for anyone in the mood for a left-field comedy experience. As the MC at an event he strikes the perfect balance in the corporate environment. You will most certainly want to see Dave again and again, mostly to explain some of his jokes or to return some of the stuff he's stolen.

Comedy Biography

- Comedy Shop Live: Platypus Productions (97)
- The Smirnoff Comedy Festival (1997-98)
- Tuesday nights at The Coffee Lounge (1997-98)
- Cape Comedy Collective performing Agony Barman Dave (1998-99)
- Comedy Showcase SABC 3
- Opened for Jimoein. The first time comedy has been featured at Main Grahamstown festival programme (2009)
- Studio Crowd warm-up on Power of 10 Game show Mnet (2008)
- Nandos Comedy Award Grahamstown - Most Original Comedy (2008)
- Writer and performer on Tonight With Trevor Noah, Mnet (2010)
- Edinburgh Fringe Festival – Assembly (2012)
- Winter Comedy fest Grand West Casino (2015)

Comercials

- M Web (18 commercials)
- Walls Sausages ad (UK)
- Fosters ad (US)
- Heineken ad (Italy)
- German Post Bank
- Mercedes Benz (Germany)
- Bertoli Pasta (USA)
- Oreos (USA)
- Co-op Homeware (UK)

Other

- Regular Humour column for CAPE REVIEW and Old Mutual Golf
- Pending Award: Best actor (Mweb)
- Gold and Silver Loerie Award for Mweb ads
- Garden Route comedy tour with Play Energy Drink
- Joe Parkers' Comedy express headliner
- Comedy Host: Up the Creek Music Festival
- The Ha Ha Festival East Coast Radio, KZN
- Weekly Host at the Comedy warehouse in Green Point
- Regular performer 'Four slackers and a microphone' improvised comedy show based on 'Who's line is it anyway'
- Hosting functions including product launches, golf days and corporate events as MC/comic act
- Presenter of SABC 3 TV series Going Nowhere Slowly
- Winner of the Comedy Allstars/Red Bull comedy competition pro section
- Vodacom International Comedy festival
- New Balance 100th year Gala dinner
- Pick 'n Pay Golden Ray Awards
- Golf Digest Subscribers Challenge MC

Corporate Clients include

- Amateur Golf Tournament
- Audi Quatro Cup
- BAT
- Coca Cola Annual Management Conference video
- Coca Cola Corporate
- Dimension Data
- Discovery Health
- Dunhill
- Fancourt Captain's Dinner
- FNB Golf Day
- Foshini Group/DUE SOUTH
- Golf Digest
- Investec
- KPMG
- Lafarge Cement
- Men's Health Best Man Awards
- Momentum
- Nashua
- Nedcor
- New Balance
- People's Bank
- Robertsons Spices
- Shoprite Checkers Xmas Video
- Soccer league
- Standard Bank
- Touchline Media
- Unilever