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## GERRY DEE

Gerry Dee began his comedy career in a very different fashion. The son of Scottish immigrant parents, Gerry was born in Scarborough, Ontario and grew up in Toronto. He currently splits his time between living in Los Angeles and Toronto.

He spent 10 years as a high school phys-ed teacher before making the switch to full time comedy in 2003.

In 1999, he won Toronto's *Funniest New Comic* competition. He would later tape his own half hour *Comedy Now Special* on CTV and The Comedy Network in 2001. He has attended a variety of comedy festivals, namely *The US HBO Comedy Arts Festival* in Aspen and the Montreal *Just For Laughs Festival* where he made his CBC Gala appearance in July 2004 and again in 2007. He recently performed in Scotland and South Africa.

In 2002, he was the first Canadian in 27 years to win the prestigious *San Francisco International Comedy Competition*. Former comics who got their start in this competition include Robin Williams, Dana Carvey and Ellen Degeneres to name a few.

In 2003 he made his US network debut when he performed on CBS' *Star Search* with Arsenio Hall. A year later he would appear on *The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn* as well as on *The Mike Bullard Show*.

In 2004, he appeared in the CBS Sports reality series *PGA Tour 18: Golf's Ultimate Round*. National Lampoon also featured him in a DVD which was released in 2004.

In 2004, 2006 and 2007 he was nominated for a Canadian Comedy Award for *Best Male Comic in Canada*.

He was voted as the third Best Comedy Show of 2004 in Toronto by Now Magazine.

In April 2006, he appeared in the CBC mini-series *Canada Russia 72* where he played the role of Boston Bruin great Wayne Cashman. In the summer of 2006, he played "Donny" in the much anticipated *Trailer Park Boys: The Movie*.

He also recently appeared on the fifth season of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, where he finished third.

Gerry's one-hour Comedy Central special started airing in June 2008.

