

Rip Micheals Bio

Hailing from Chicago, Rip Micheals realized the healing power of comedy at age 11 when his grandmother passed away and he told jokes at her funeral to make people laugh. As a teenager, he began performing in comedy clubs across the city. One night, he had the opportunity to meet one of his idols, Dave Chappelle and he encouraged Rip to move to New York City if he was serious about becoming a comedian. In 2001, Rip took Chappelle's advice, quit his job, and took a bus from Chicago to move to New York City, where he was homeless for almost a year sleeping in subway stations, Bryant Park, and the Fashion Institute of Technology. The single father would use his Bally's gym membership for a place to take a shower and would find hotels offering free breakfast in order to get food and milk for his baby daughter.



During this time, Rip was performing at various comedy clubs around the city working to make a name for himself. His big break came in 2002 when he appeared on Christina Milian's show "Becoming Presents: Wannabe" where he won a makeover contest to play Ja Rule for the day. Recognizing Rip's talent, Milian asked him to do the audience warm-up on various shows she was hosting and gave him his first acting role in her movie with Nick Cannon, "Love Don't Cost a Thing".

Since then, Rip has appeared as an actor on TV shows "Nurse Jackie", "Law & Order: SVU", "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" and movies "Men in Black 3" (Will Smith, Josh Brolin), "Playas Ball" (Allan Payne, Elise Neal), and the soon to be released "Sin" (Lou Gosset Jr., Markuann Smith).

Now in his eleventh season on MTV's Wild 'N Out, Mr. "Did I Go Too Far?" Rip Micheals' comedy TV appearances also include Last Call With Carson Daly (NBC), Living With Funny (Oxygen), Starz StaannDUP!, ComicView (BET), P. Diddy's Bad Boys of Comedy (HBO), Showtime at the Apollo, According to Him + Her (BET), Centric Comedy All-Stars, and Shaquille O'Neal Presents: All Star Comedy Jam (Showtime).

Rip has had diabetes and struggled with his weight since he was a child. His wake-up call came several years ago when he took his daughter to Six Flags, but was too big to take her on a rollercoaster. This inspired him to lose over 150lbs, but unfortunately, he didn't stick with it and gained the weight back. He lost over 150lbs two other times in his life, but it wasn't until the last three years that Rip began to take his health more seriously and finally realized that weight loss is more than just changing what you eat and working out. Now, Rip is passionate about helping others make mind-state and lifestyle changes to achieve their fitness and weight loss goals.

As an event producer, Rip Micheals' April Fools Comedy Jam Tour has been dazzling sold-out audiences since its inception in 2012. In 2017, Rip produced the No. 2 ranking Pollstar tour of the year, Wild 'N Out Live with 40 sold-out arenas across the country and holds a record in Washington, DC for selling out two arenas in the same night. Recently Rip Micheals made history again, selling out Madison Square Garden as a producer and promoter in only three weeks with a one-night production of Wild 'N Out Live on December 1, 2022. Rip Micheals is the only event producer to produce three different events at three New York City arenas in the same year: April Fools Comedy Jam at Barclays Center in April 2022, Fall Back in Love Comedy & Music Jam at UBS Arena in September 2022, and Wild 'N Out Live at Madison Square Garden in December 2022.

Rip Micheals, the 2022 Redd Foxx Comedy Award of Humor recipient, previously served as the Supervising Comedy Producer on FOX's daytime talk show "Nick Cannon." Currently, Rip can be seen hosting and starring in his show, Urban Eats & Treats featuring appearances by Shaquille O'Neal, Tamar Braxton, DJ Envy, Russell Peters, Deon Cole and more. Urban Eats & Treats is distributed by HARTBEAT Studios and is now streaming in over 100 million homes via Pluto, Tubi, Roku, Peacock, and more.