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TOP 5 STAND UP COMEDY SPECIALS (2022)

As some of you may know, I am a huge fan of stand-up comedy. It is in fact my second favorite medium of art other than music. Now I haven't watched every person's special that came out this year, with the growing number of youtube specials it is increasingly more difficult to keep up. But of all the ones I've seen, here are my favorites.

Most honorable mention - Norm Macdonald: Nothing Special

To kick things off, Norm is one of my favorite comics of all time, and this posthumous special was surprisingly hilarious considering he filmed it at home just talking into a webcam. It is worth the watch if you're a fan of comedy in general.

5. Dave Hill: Pride of Cleveland (Youtube)

Rounding out the top 5, a comedian you probably have never heard of. Dave Hill's special is the only one to feature an entire backing band, sweet guitar solos, and the most absurdist personality of the list. His timing was poignant, his stories were well constructed, and above all else I was in tears and gasping for air from laughing so hard. I hope to see more of Dave's comedy in the future, and I'm excited to see where his act takes him. (technically this came out in 2021... but who cares go watch it).

4. Jerrod Carmichael: Rothaniel (HBOMax)

Carmichael's special was one of the best balances of storytelling and jokes on this list. He reels you in with deep emotional stories, gets very deep and right as the crowd can't get any quieter he delivers a punchline that roars with laughter. Definitely the best directing of the list, and honestly I would have rated the special higher if (Spoiler Alert) the big setup of the whole special was not given away in the title.

3. Andrew Schulz: Infamous

This one was wall to wall amazing. I don't have much to say other than Schulz's jokes were fantastic.

2. Christina P: Mom Genes

The co-host of the "Your Mom's House" Podcast excels in her new hour. Not only in her style (allegedly her wardrobe was the most Netflix has ever spent on a special) but especially in material. It is downright hilarious all the way through with stories about motherhood and more and would have been #1 until...

1. Neal Brennan: Blocks

Neal Brennan's "3 mics" (2017) was one of my favorite specials in recent memory, and 5 years later he's outdone himself. Those who saw 3 mics will enjoy hearing some references to the subject matter in that show, but it isn't necessary to watch before this one. With by far the best set design on this list, Brennan will make you laugh out loud and give you chills with an amazing balance of jokes and deep introspective tales similar to his past special. I can't recommend this one enough.

Honorable mentions:

Esther Povitsky: Hot for my Name; Bill Burr: Live at Red Rocks; Whitney Cummings: Jokes; Nick Kroll: Little Big Boy; Ali Wong: Don Wong.

HOW TO MAKE PAPER SNOWFLAKES

Jealous of Mother Nature hogging all the weekend snowflakes for herself? Fear no more, now you can preserve the magic of winter from the safety of your own home with a few simple ingredients.

1. Select your decorative victim. Decide what would look the prettiest stuck to your wall. Is it tie-dye construction paper? Flattened Solo cups for all you alcoholics out there? A copy of the Bullsheet for all you sensible thinkers out there?
2. Select your weapon. Some might say scissors are the best technical option but some think that the Bullsheet isn't expendable. A machete will serve you well in all endeavors except for this one. For the best results, turn to The Chainsaw.
3. Now you must wait for inspiration to strike. You mustn't rush this process. The voice of a Higher Being will whisper softly into your ear, infiltrating your brain and planting an idea in it. The idea will manifest and make itself known to you when the time is right. Listen closely and you will hear a quiet "several triangles on the edgeeee...." floating through your mind.
4. Use this opportunity! Seize the moment! Grab your chainsaw and get to work. Carefully craft your snowflake to perfection. Triangles, along every side, I can see it now, and you can too. Throw a right angle in there if you're feeling adventurous.
5. Fear your creation. Be afraid of opening it, what if it doesn't match your vision? Remind yourself that ignorance is bliss.
6. Cast the fear aside. Reach under your pillowcase and retrieve the folded stationery. Carefully unfold it and gaze upon the fruits of your labor. Marvel in your creative genius. You made those triangles, it's about damn time you were proud of something in your life.
7. Using two pieces of your best tape, you can splurge on this one, attach your snowflake to the closest window. Stand back, admire your work. You will hear a soft breeze behind you, the Higher Being is pleased you followed their design to perfection. This is the perfect conduit, the Higher Being can now gaze upon its subjects through the triangles so carefully crafted by your capable hands. You've done the world a great service.

-Emmy Ayad, Sophomore Writer

A SHITTY POEM ABOUT SICK MICK

Mick is very sick and wants to go home.
He is feeling very congested in his dome.
His throat feels like he swallowed loam.
He may have caught something in Rome.
I write this poem because Mick is sick.
Sick Mick picks and licks and kicks.
He is looking for an article, quick!
He is fussy and needs a... nevermind.
I do hope he feels better.
I don't want to edit a single letter.
We need Mick to not be sick
So the bullsheet can bull forever.

-Ella Buzas, A Poet

Staff "How Much Swag Do They Have?" BOX

Betsy "None" Wagner, Managing Editor
Ellie "Some" Schrader, Senior Editor
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William "A Lot" Kelsey, Head Writer
Blythe "A Good Abundance" Dahlem, Senior Writer
Lena "Many" Hanrahan Senior Writer
Evie "An Extreme Amount" Waters, Senior Writer
Lauren "A Couple" Ehlers, Junior Writer
Emmy "Very nice amount" Ayad, Sophomore Writer
Ella "A few" Buzas, Sophomore Writer
Griffin "An Insane Amount" Conley, Sophomore Writer
Caroline "So Much" Concannon, Sophomore Writer
Micah "Fjender Guitars", Sophomore Writer
Brin "Enough" Glass, Sophomore Writer
Selah "A large amount" Griffin, Sophomore Writer
Caroline "Very little" Lopez, Sophomore Writer
Carter "God of Swag" Seipel, Freshman Writer

