

HOLLYWOOD GOES DEF COMEDY JAM CRAZY

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LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE OSCARS

Two times best actor Oscar™ nominee, JAMIE FOXX and CHRIS ROCK, host of the forthcoming 77th annual Academy Awards ceremony to be held on 27th February, both made their names on the Def Comedy Jam circuit.

Rock, who has joked that he will steal a golden statuette for his fellow Def Comedy Jammer if he doesn't win, is one of a phenomenal list of black US artists who appeared in the ground-breaking 1990s US TV series which gave up-and-coming black talent their first big break.

The brainchild of Russell 'Rush' Simmons, Def Comedy Jam ran for a decade on HBO television in the US and featured early stand-up comedy routines by, among others, CHRIS ROCK, CHRIS TUCKER, MARTIN LAWRENCE, BERNIE MAC, EDDIE GRIFFIN, STEVE HARVEY, CEDRIC THE ENTERTAINER, DAVE CHAPPELLE, QUEEN LATIFAH, BILL BELLAMY and JAMIE FOXX, all of whom are now Hollywood A-list.

Released on DVD for the first time in the UK in 2004 (Time Life), the Def Comedy Jam series is renowned for its no-holds-barred adult content and features Rock, Tucker, Foxx et al performing some of the lewdest, crudest and most raucous moments in the history of comedy..... before they were famous!

DEF COMEDY JAM VIDEO/DVD TITLES AVAILABLE:

BOX SET 1 (RRP £59.99)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 1

(Martin Lawrence, DL Hughley, Adele Givens, J Anthony Brown and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 2

(Martin Lawrence, Chris Tucker, CHRIS ROCK, Bernie Mac and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 3

(Martin Lawrence, Eddie Griffin, Mike Epps, Bill Bellamy and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 4

(Martin Lawrence, Dave Chappelle, Bernie Mac, Steve Harvey, Talent and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 5

(Chris Tucker, JAMIE FOXX, Martin Lawrence, Adele Givens, DL Hughley and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 6

(Martin Lawrence, Ellen Cleghorne, Ricky Harris and more)

Bonus Disc: 2Raw4TV (Wildman Steve, Suzanne Suter, Will E DJ Robo, Charles Bennett, Rudy Ray Moore)

BOX SET 2 (RRP: £59.99)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 7
(Mark Curry, Steve Harvey, Dave Chappelle and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 8
(Martin Lawrence, Mike Epps, Michael Colyar and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 9
(Martin Lawrence, Joe Torry, Sommore and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 10
(Steve Harvey, Ricky Harris, Martin Lawrence, Royale Watkins and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 11
(Joe Torry, Guy Torry, Rickey Smiley, Martin Lawrence and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 12
(Bill Bellamy, Martin Lawrence, Tracy Morgan, Laura Hayes, Joe Torry and more)

Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam All Stars # 13
(Ricky Harris, Cedric the Entertainer, Mark Curry, Martin Lawrence)

NB ALL VOLUMES AVAILABLE INDIVIDUALLY EXCEPT 2RAW4TV BONUS DISC.

Note to Editors

Bill Bellamy, star of Def Comedy Jam All Stars Volumes 1, 3 and 12, is to star in a major live, stand-up comedy tour in the UK this February. Live and uncut, the shows will build on Bellamy's renowned 'Ladies' man' persona from the film How to Be A Player.

12th Feb, Alexander Theatre, Birmingham

13th Feb, Opera House, Manchester

14th Feb, Hackney Empire, London

Bellamy is regarded as one of the US's top stand-up comedians. He is also an established film actor with major roles in Love Jones, The Brothers, Any Given Sunday and How to be a Player. He is also starring in two major new films to be released in 2005; Getting Played with Vivica A Fox and Neverwas with Ian McKellen, William Hurt, Nick Nolte & Jessica Lange.

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