



HERE! INTRODUCES **JASON STUART: MAKING IT TO THE MIDDLE**

A raucous new comedy special featuring out comedian Jason Stuart is set to premiere on the network.

March 11 – here!, America's premium gay television network, is thrilled to announce the premiere of ***Jason Stuart: Making it to the Middle***. Known as the first openly gay performer to headline mainstream comedy clubs all over the US, he is now the first male comedian to have his own stand-up comedy special on here! TV. It will debut on the network on Friday, March 28th.

Filmed in Los Angeles at **The Showcase Theatre** for the **Lifework Mentoring Program** (a non-profit mentoring organization for gay youths), *Jason Stuart: Making it to the Middle* will feature a look at his hilarious rapid-fire stand-up routine as well offer as a poignant behind-the-scenes take at a brilliant comic in the middle of his career, in the middle of his life, and in the middle of the country. Stuart sums this notion up best by quipping, "I always thought I'd be as famous as **Barbra Streisand** or as **Lil Kim's** wig washer. I ended up being neither. I made it to the middle."

Seen in over 100 films and television shows including as Dr. Thomas on ***My Wife and Kids*** and on the popular Chris Rock-produced ***Everybody Hates Chris*** (premiering May 11th), Stuart has had a remarkable career as an actor and comedian. This year he will be adding to that impressive resume with roles in several films. Among these are that of a naïve priest in ***Twisted Faith***; a jaded doctor in ***Ping Pong Playa***; a Nurse in a rehab center in ***Family of Four***; and a bitchy fashion designer in ***Drop Dead Gorgeous***.

When he's not blazing a trail as a performer on stage and screen, Stuart likes to "pay it forward" with his work in the gay community. He is the chairman of the first ever **SAG LGBT Committee**. "All I ever wanted to do was act, but being gay is part of who I am too. This first meeting is the culmination of my desire to provide LGBT SAG members with a platform to share their issues and to get support from their colleagues."

here! looks forward to giving this groundbreaking and gifted performer a venue to display his wonderful comedic talents. And as for Jason Stuart, if this is only *the middle*, perhaps only the sky is the limit!

About here!

Founded in 2002, here! airs on all major U.S. cable systems as a 24-hour subscription service. here! appears in 96 of the top 100 U.S. markets, including every top ten

market. **here!** also was the first gay network originating in the U.S. to launch in Canada. here! offers a wide variety of groundbreaking and acclaimed original movies and series plus the world's largest collection of gay and lesbian films appealing to the broad-based, diverse LGBT audience. **here! Video**, the broadband portal of **here! Networks** found at www.heretv.com/videoplayer, provides a broad sampling of **here!** programming. For more information on how to subscribe to here!, please visit www.heretv.com or call our toll free number at **1-888-HERE-NOW**.

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