

Celebrity Ventriloquist

Pete Michaels

Biography

With major Film and TV credits like: *The 2010 MTV Video Music Awards, Dummy*; with Oscar winner Adrien Brody; *Late Night with Conan O'Brien; Showtime At The Apollo; Canada's: Comedy At Club 54; Uptown Comedy Club; Comedy Central; Let's Laugh with Sherman Hemsley*, and many others-- It's no wonder why Pete Michaels is one of the most IN DEMAND performers today!

Pete first appeared on stage at the tender age of five. His fascination with music, comedy, puppets and ventriloquism also began as a child; with his influences being Edgar Bergen, Paul Winchell and Jimmy Nelson. He continued performing during his high school years, often playing the musical comedy leads. An alumnus of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York, he furthered his acting studies with Weist-Barron and studied voice with Robert Marks.

He developed his talents further by showcasing his comedy and ventriloquism at numerous venues. Pete continued to perform in Comedy Clubs and on Cruise Ships, quickly gaining wide acclaim and was soon a regular at the world famous Apollo Theater with his black puppet pal; Woody D. The duo performed dozens of television shows, concerts and special events at the landmark venue.

Several television appearances (*Late Night With Conan O'Brien, Showtime At The Apollo, Uptown Comedy Club, Comedy Central, Canada's Comedy At Club 54*) and tours followed. Including opening spots for such luminaries as: Sherman Hemsley, Jamie Foxx, Sinbad, David Alan Grier, Mark Curry, Martin Lawrence, Neil Sedaka, Bobby Vinton, Michael Amante, Gabe Kaplan, Pat Cooper and many others.

His ever changing "puppet posse" includes the newest cast member **Francisco The Mexican Parrot**, along with such audience favorites as: The always outrageous **Mr. Johnson.**, The space alien **Krelmin**, The lovable **Papa**, and his finale; the "*re-union*" of **Sonny & Cher** with real HUMAN puppets!

The Incredible Show-Stopping "**Little Tenor**;" (A tribute to Pavarotti with Pete providing the actual operatic singing voice,) is both amazing and hilarious!

Pete is on the Advisory Board of the Vent Haven Museum. He was awarded the *2010 W.S. Berger Distinguished Service Award For Outstanding Contributions To The Art Of Ventriloquism*, and has served as Chairman, headlined and lectured at the International Ventriloquist Convention. In 1981 he pioneered the first Video Home-Study Course on the art of Ventriloquism called; "*Video Ventriloquism.*"

He is a regular cast member in: *A Really Big Shew (A Tribute To The Ed Sullivan Show)* and received an unprecedented 33 standing ovations during his run at the Tropicana Hotel and Casino Showroom in Atlantic City. He also topped the bill in *Sherman Hemsley & Friends* at The Claridge Casino & Hotel.

He also taught Oscar winning actor Adrien Brody Ventriloquism for the feature film "*Dummy*," actress Judith Roberts for the film "*Dead Silence*," and most recently to *Russy Simmons* of MTV's "*Run's House*."

Pete can be seen in Columbia Recording Artists MGMT's music video "Flash Delirium, which was nominated for Best Rock Video at the MTV Video Music Awards.

He was the featured subject of a documentary called "*Soul In A Suitcase*," which was awarded the National Board Of Review Of Motion Pictures Award for Best Short Subject Film.