

Will Durst ~ Bio

political comedy for people who don't like politics

As the sacred cows beg for their pomposity to be punctured, America cries out for a man with the aim, strength and style to hit them where it hurts the funniest. Will Durst is that man. Sweeping both sides of the aisle with a mix of incredulity and common sense, Durst transcends party ties, having performed at events honoring former Presidents Bill Clinton and George HW Bush as well as speaking at both a Mayors Convention and Governors Conference. He's as current as today's headlines. Outraged and outrageous. Comedy for people who read or know someone who does.



Durst's motto is "You Can't Make Stuff Up Like This." This prolific writer has his material regularly delivered at 8 am every morning in the five papers he reads daily. Ulysses Press released Durst's first book, "The All American Sport of Bipartisan Bashing," was based on a critically acclaimed one man Off Broadway show, which had critics climbing over themselves reaching for superlatives. The New York Times: "*Durst is at his sly savvy best. Highly recommended.*" The New York Post: "*Brilliantly crafted. Satire to admire in a smashing bashing!*" The Epoch Times: "*A political, comic and performance tour-de-force, Durst attacks both the left*

and the right with equal enthusiasm. Hits the bulls eye every time." Fox News: "*A great political satirist.*" "The New Yorker: "*He's perfected a verbal jitterbug of comedy.*"

Busier than a blind squirrel neck deep in an almond sorting warehouse Durst writes a nationally syndicated weekly column, daily website jokes, voices radio commentaries yet manages to find time to perform 100s of shows a year at theaters, clubs, corporate events and benefits all over the country. A regular guest on NPR, MSNBC and Fox News, he's received 5 Emmy nominations and 7 consecutive nominations for the American Comedy Awards Stand Up of the Year. His 800+ global television appearances include HBO, The Today Show, Letterman, CNN's Inside Politics, Good Morning America, Showtime, Comedy Central, Last Comic Standing, CBS Morning News, the BBC, CBC, Greek, Scottish, French and Australian TV. And radio, don't get me started. Lots. He even spent a year co-hosting a San Francisco morning radio show with former Mayor Willie Brown.

The first comic invited to perform at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, Durst has told jokes in 14 countries and blogged the Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Course the past 4 years. Hobbies include the never-ending search for the perfect cheeseburger while his heroes remain the same from when he was twelve: Thomas Jefferson and Bugs Bunny.

Durst's performances are made possible by the First Amendment to the US Constitution.

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THE TUBE

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| *Livelyhood | Host/ Co-Producer | PBS | |
| The Durst Amendment | Creator/Host | PBS | |
| But Seriously/BS 94 | Guest/Guest Star | | ShowTime |
| A Year's Worth with Will Durst | Creator/Host | A&E | |
| Late Night with David Letterman | Guest | | NBC |
| One Night Stand | Solo Special | | HBO |
| The A List | Guest | | Comedy Central |
| Sunday Today Show | Recurring Guest | | NBC |
| Evening At The Improv | Recurring Guest | A&E | |
| Caroline's Comedy Hour | Recurring Guest | A&E | |

--More On Request

MUSINGS OUT LOUD

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| Marketplace Monthly | Public Radio Int | | |
| The American Minute | Daily/Radio | | Syndicated |
| Political Asylum | Twice Weekly/TV | | |
| Comedy Central | Saturday | | |
| Not Necessarily The News | Series/TV | | HBO |
| The Comedy Hour | Weekly/Radio | MJI | |

SCRIBBLES

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| **"Daily Dose Of Durst" | www.wald.com | | |
| *George | Columnist | | |
| *Various Alternative Weeklies | Syndicated Weekly Column | | |
| *The Progressive | Bi Monthly Columnist | | "Off The Map" |
| *Funny Times | Monthly Columnist | | "Worst Of Durst" |
| New York Times | Op Ed Contributor | | |
| National Lampoon | Contributing Editor | | |

Op/ Ed Contributor: *New York Times* • *Atlanta Journal Constitution* • *Las Vegas Sun*
Philadelphia Enquirer • *San Francisco Chronicle & Examiner* and More

THE WIRELESS

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| 1996 Primary/Election Coverage | Correspondent | | Syndicated |
| The Larry King Show | Correspondent | | Mutual Radio |
| The Gil Gross Show | Guest Host | | CBS Radio |

CELLULOID

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| <i>Shuttlecock</i> | Lead | | Ederly Films |
| <i>Jack</i> | Motorcycle Cop | | Hollywood Pictures |
| <i>Red Light Sting (MOW)</i> | Supporting | | CBS |

THE BOARDS

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| Waiting For Godot | Vladimer | | George Coates |
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PERFORMANCE WORKS STATUES

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| American Comedy Awards | Best Stand Up Nominee | 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 | |
| Edinburgh Fringe Festival | Perrier Nominee | | 89, 90 |
| San Francisco Comedy Competition | Winner | | 83 |
| Emmy Awards/Northern California | Nominee- "Durst Amendment" | | 97, 98, 99 |
| Cable Ace Award | Nominee- "A Year's Worth" | | 96 |