

A New Jersey native, **Jon Stewart** is considered one of America's top social and comedic voices. From the anchor chair of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, he "has breathed new life into a show that hadn't even seemed to need it," said The New York Times. Since taking over as the anchorman of The Daily Show in January 1999, Stewart's presence has seen higher ratings and awareness for himself and Comedy Central.

Stewart and The Daily Show led the way to the White House as the new torchbearers of COMEDY CENTRAL's award-winning "Indecision 2000" election coverage. "Indecision 2000" covered the elections, debates and candidates from the Iowa Caucus and New Hampshire primary straight through to the National Conventions and culminated on Election Night with a one-hour special. Prior to taking over The Daily Show, Stewart's most recent television work was on HBO's critically acclaimed series-within-a-series, The Larry Sanders Show, playing a character he should know very well: himself. The final season saw, among other things, Stewart seemingly being groomed to take over the fictitious late-night throne from the perpetually paranoid Larry Sanders (Garry Shandling). Stewart also served as a creative consultant on the series.

On the feature film front, Stewart starred with Adam Sandler in one of 1999's biggest hits Big Daddy. He also starred in the romantic drama Playing by Heart opposite Gillian Anderson which marked a departure for Stewart in that he was allowed to show more of a dramatic side of himself than people are accustomed to seeing. Stewart also starred in The Faculty, a horror-comedy directed by Robert Rodriguez.

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