

PAUL RODRIGUEZ

BIO

Paul Rodriguez has been making audiences laugh all over the world (in Spanish and English) for nearly three decades with his unique brand of humor that is a perfect blend of his Latin heritage and the American dream. As an actor and comedian Paul Rodriguez's multi-faceted career includes starring roles and featured appearances in over 45 films and countless television series and comedy specials.

Voted one of the most influential Hispanics in America and awarded the Ruben Salazar Award by The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States, Rodriguez has remained a constant force in his community and the world of comedy.

Rodriguez's recent film credits include the upcoming movie release, "**Without Men**," with Eva Longoria and Christian Slater; "**Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore**;" the independent films "**The Deported**" and "**I'm Not Like That No More**" with comedian Felipe Esparza (2010 "Last Comic Standing" winner). Past film credits include Disney's blockbuster hit "**Beverly Hills Chihuahua**," "**The World's Fastest Indian**," "**A Cinderella Story**," "**How to Get the Man's Foot Outta Your Ass**," "**Ali**," "**Tortilla Soup**," "**Crocodile Dundee in LA**," "**Rat Race**," "**Bloodwork**," "**Chasing Papi**" and "**D.C. Cab**," among others.

Additionally, he can be seen in his latest show, "**Mis Videos Locos with Paul Rodriguez**," every Sunday night (7pm EST/PST) on Tr3s: MTV, Música y Más. The hit series, now in its second season, features never-before-seen footage of people from all around the world engaging in the wildest and often the stupidest behavior imaginable - but with a twist. With the power of green screen technology, Rodriguez steps into the videos to join in on the crazy antics - adding his sharp witted commentary every step of the way.

Rodriguez's past hosting credits include the hit series "**El Show de Paul Rodriguez**," an entertainment talk show for Univision, which reached over 50 markets throughout the United States and an international audience including over 17 countries in Central and South America; The NCLR ALMA Awards; Showtime's Latino Laugh Festival; as well as his own television specials "**Back to School**" and "**Behind Bars**."

As an accomplished writer, director and producer for television, motion pictures and feature shows, Rodriguez has several hit projects to his credit including the comedy concert film "**The Original Latin Kings of Comedy**," which he executive-produced and starred in along with Cheech Marin, George Lopez and Carlos Mencia; the feature film "**A Million to Juan**," which he also wrote, directed and starred in; six comedy specials for HBO including "**Loco Slam, Live in San Quentin**" and "**Idiots and Armadillos**," which he also executive produced. In addition to his many hit comedy specials in English, Rodriguez has the distinguished credit of performing the first-ever one-hour standup comedy special in Spanish, "**Dime Con Quien Andas**," for Telemundo.

Rodriguez struck comedy gold again with his recent stand-up concert DVD "**Comedy Rehab**." As executive producer, Rodriguez once again introduced America to some of the hottest comedians in Latino comedy. As seen on Comedy Central, the hit comedy special features performances by **Rodriguez**, **Gene Pompa**, **Shayla Rivera** and **Manny**

Maldonado. For the DVD release, Rodriguez teamed up with Award-winning producer David Valdés (“Book of Eli,” “Unforgiven”) and Image Entertainment to feature never-before-seen footage including bonus performances and behind-the-scene interviews with the comedians.

Among his many credits, Rodriguez has also made guest appearances on several Late Night shows including “The Wanda Sykes Show,” “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno,” “Last Call with Carson Daly,” and “Politically Incorrect.” Additionally, he has guest starred in several television series including “Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List,” “Shaken Not Stirred,” DIRECTV’s “Supreme Court of Comedy,” Showtime’s original series “Resurrection Boulevard” and “American Family.” He has also lent his voice to popular animated series including “King of the Hill,” “Dora the Explorer” and “The Proud Family.”

Rodriguez’s first big break came while doing comedy warm-ups for Norman Lear’s show “Gloria.” Lear ultimately wrote and developed a weekly series for Rodriguez entitled “a.k.a. Pablo,” which is enshrined at the Smithsonian and holds the distinct honor for being the *first* television show about a Mexican American Family on mainstream American television.

In addition to being a revolutionary and enduring force in the world of comedy, throughout his career Rodriguez has remained involved with various charitable, civic and educational organizations including the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, The Leukemia Society; and he was recently appointed to the California Film Commission. In addition, as part owner of the world famous Laugh Factory, Rodriguez has participated in the club’s annual free Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the underprivileged for over 25 years.

Rodriguez was honored with the *Humanitarian of the Year* Award by the City of Fresno for his tireless work on behalf of water conservation. As Chairman of the California Latino Water Coalition, he has been the driving force behind the Water Bond Measure that will have a great impact on the citizens of California. Former governor Schwarzenegger and Mayor Villaraigosa thanked Rodriguez and the Coalition, among others, for being instrumental in the landmark bill finally coming to fruition— a bill that many organizations have been trying to make happen for over 40 years.

In addition to writing, directing, producing and performing, Rodriguez enjoys spending time with his two sons: Paul Rodriguez, Jr., who is a professional skateboarding and gold medal winner, a.k.a. P-Rod; and his younger son, Lukas.

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