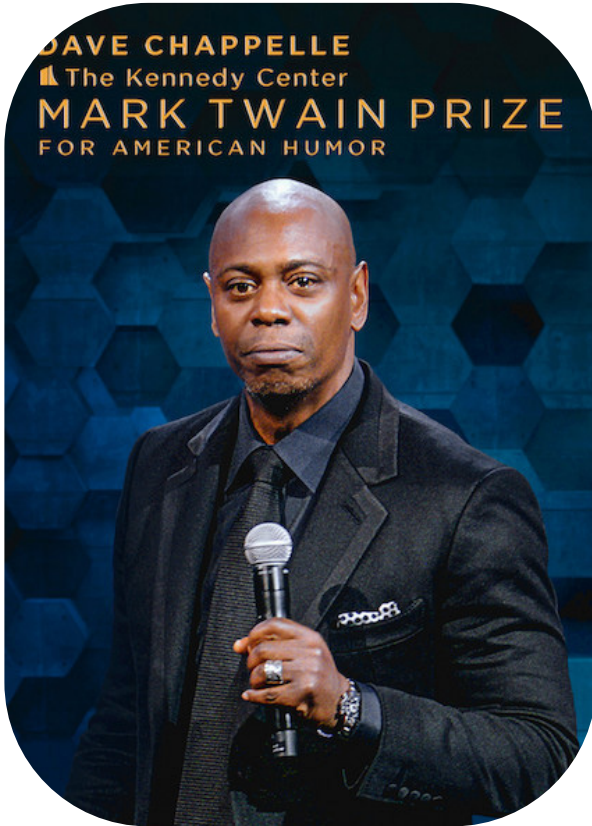# Dave Chappelle

Dave Chappelle was born on August 24th, 1973 in Washington D.C. to parents who were both teachers. His parents taught at local colleges and universities and were politically active. Pete Seeger and Johnny Hartman were frequent visitors to his home.

In 1992, he won critical and popular acclaim for his television appearance in Russell Simmon's "Def Comedy Jam". That show allowed his popularity to truly begin rising, eventually allowing him to become a regular guest on late-night television shows. His own creation, "The Chappelle Show '' was initially passed over by HBO, but the show went on to achieve great success. The show officially began in 2003, expanding into what Esquire Magazine called "the comic genius of America".

In 2006, Chappelle quit the show due to the impact on his lifestyle because of the long hours and the pressures of notoriety. He decided to leave in order to "quiet the ego" to be more "well rounded" in an industry that he found to be a "place of extremes". Chappelles' "sense of self" and "core values" are extremely important to him.

In 2013, he returned to performing. Chappelle has dealt with his fair share of backlash, including racist hecklers at his shows and public social media campaigns denouncing his fame and comedic style.

Chappelle's energy, ability to command a crowd, and overall comedic expertise and experience make him a GOAT in the world of comedy.