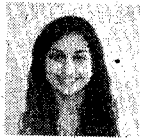


Rising Comedian K-von Cracks Up College Crowd



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"Once you go Persian, there's no other version!" Rising comedian and actor K-von Moezzi has coined this phrase alone with the slogan "Tanx God!" reflecting his pride in and humor towards his Persian roots.

New to the LA comedy club scene, K-von's cynical but good-humored perspective on society has landed him a reoccurring role on MTV's "Disaster Date," a tour with the legendary Maz Jobrani, a role on "Comics without Borders" on SHOWTIME, and an appearance on "Hot Guys Who Cook" on E!

Although his Persian background comes

from only half of his family—he has a Scottish mother and Iranian father, a mixture of races he likes to refer to as "Hairy

Pottish,"—K-von fully embraces his heritage by joking about common racial stereotypes pertaining to his culture, including the pressure to become "a doctor or an engineer" and the difficulty of winning Persian girls. K-von will win your heart with his hilarious stories about growing up in a culturally diverse family, the struggle to make it "big" as a prominent comedian, and simply about life in general.

On April 7 I got the chance to see one of K-von's shows at the Harland Cinema at Emory University. If being able to watch this hilarious comedian's performance wasn't enough, the very practical ticket price of five dollars and free pizza drew a full audience. K-von leveraged his background for the nonstop laughs you expect from a top headliner. I was quickly charmed by K-von's hilarious stories and jokes as the audience roared with laughter.

Following K-von's performance, the now-adored entertainer of the night set up a meet-and-greet table outside the theatre to converse and laugh some more with his fans face-to-face. Even after staying to meet every person until the end of the line, K-von let me ask him a few questions about his career.

EE: How did you get started into the comedy business?

KM: I'm from a multi-cultural family, I grew up in Las Vegas, and I went to several religious schools growing up. There is enough material there to get anyone started with comedy.

EE: How did you get on MTV's "Disaster Date" and how was the overall experience? Will you continue to be on the show?

KM: MTV looks for people in the right age bracket that can add humor to their shows. It was all based on my standup comedy experience, my audition, and—I like to think—the fact that I have been on

so many bad dates that I was a natural choice. The show is done filming and they are now airing in South America, the Middle East, and Europe. Which is nice because every day I get some sort of Facebook message that says something like: "K-von, Yargen zsiback Disaster Date jagon! Jajajajaj!" If anyone knows what that means I will appreciate a translation! Or then again it could be the ultimate insult?!

EE: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

KM: In 5 years I just hope to still have as much fun as I am having now making people laugh whether it's on TV, Youtube, or in person.

EE: What has been your greatest experience as a comedian?

KM: Probably that first time I actually got on stage. It was at the World Famous Comedy Store and that night the wheels were officially put in motion. I could not sleep after that first show and knew that I had taken the first and most difficult step towards something I had always wanted to do.

EE: What advice would you give to students?

KM: Work hard and excel in everything you have always wanted to do, and also try to find the funny in your everyday life. There is enough stress in the world but don't let it overtake you. You'd be surprised how many jobs I've landed, hotel room upgrades I've received, and new friends I have met simply by making someone laugh first. It is simple and sets you apart.

EE: Any last comments?

KM: I am a standup comedian, writer, and performer. I currently appear on MTV's "Disaster Date" and tours comedy clubs and colleges across the world. If you would like check out my tour dates or watch my videos, visit www.K-vonComedy.com or Facebook.com/KvonComedy. Feel free to write me and tell me you read this article!

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