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Angela Means

At first glance, the 6'0 woman of unmistakable beauty doesn't fit the typical persona of a comedienne. However, her trash style and often erratic behavior is the strength of her appeal and audiences are immediately pleased with the results.

Angela's road to a career in comedy is as multi-dimensional as her talent. Although born in Jamaica Queens, New York, Angela, and only child, was raised by relatives, along with a host of cousins on a farm in Milan, Michigan--about forty miles west of Detroit. Being an only child in the midst of twenty other children, made Angela aloof and strange at times, forcing her to depend solely on her wits. But Angela's "peccability" would later prove to be an asset to her career as a comic.

Prior to her debut as a comedienne, Angela had a love for sports. Her athletic ability was clearly evident during her childhood as she excelled in nearly every sport. Angela received a scholarship to a small southern college after graduating high school, but turned down the offer in exchange for the beauty business. As a model, she appeared in numerous ads and prestigious shows across the country. Recruited to Europe by several renowned agencies, Angela's natural love for performing and making people laugh eventually led her to place her modeling aspirations on hold



and launch a career in comedy.

Angela started it all by convincing Michael Williams, owner of the Atlanta comedy Act theater, to give her a chance and let her go on, he agreed. Angela "Bombed" and was ready to quit, but Williams provided the needed inspiration to continue her pursuit of career in comedy.

Now residing in Los Angeles with her man and son, Angela is adding significant dimensions to her career. Her television and film appearance include "House Party III", "Def Comedy Jam", the now cult classic film, "Friday". Angela can also be seen this fall, as a regular on Nickelodeon's newest sitcom, "Cousin Skeeter".

When she isn't on the road, Angela enjoys spending time with her family and writing. She has added writer/director to her list of accomplishments, with her first short film entitled, "Shorthanded".

Angela's unabashed charm, quick wit, and spontaneity have brought her favorable responses from across the country and has undoubtedly contributed to her growing appeal among a variety of audiences. Whether on stage, television, big screen, performing alone or touring with comedic giants and giant hopefuls, Angela Means is paving her own unique road to success in the world of comedy. Undoubtedly, she'll be laughing all the way.

Singer Lauryn Hill Smashes Records & Talks About Motherhood and Marriage

Singer/rapper/songwriter Lauryn Hill smashes the record for first week sales and believes music success and motherhood go hand-in-hand, in the November Ebony.

"I knew that when I got the opportunity to do my own sound, it would be a fusion of raw hip hop beats and the instrumentation that I grew up listening to," says Lauryn Hill who produced the mega hit album "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill." Hill's strong, soulful vocals were first heard as the solo female member of the Fugees. While pregnant with her first child she stopped touring with the group and experienced a sudden wave of creativity. "My mind and ability to create expanded." She recorded the hit song "The Sweetest Thing" for the soundtrack of "Love Jones" and she wrote, produced, arranged and directed the video for Aretha Franklin's "A Rose Is Still A Rose."

Lauryn believes music success and motherhood go hand-in-hand and is expecting her second child. She says motherhood has made her sexier. "I've got hips and a little more on top now." He father of her son Zion is Rohan Marley, son of reggae legend Bob Marley. They plan to marry soon and want the event to be private. Hill is considering a role in the movie version of "Dreamgirls," planning a tour with D'Angelo and continues to help hundreds of kids through The Refugee Project, her not-for-profit organization.



Lauryn Hill

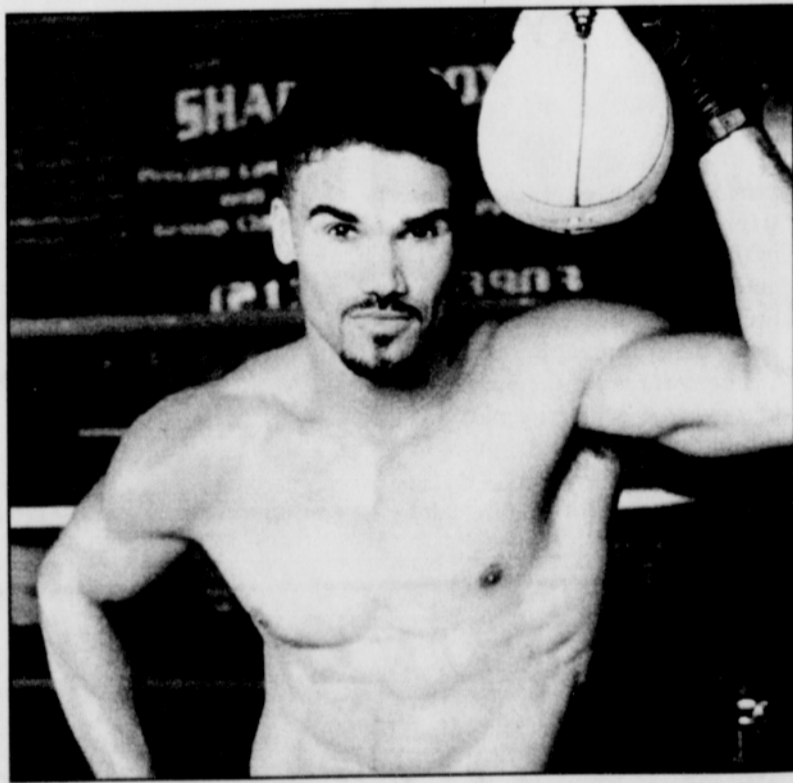
Sexy Shemar Moore Says, 'I Couldn't Do It With Just Looks'

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Actor Shemar Moore of "The Young and The Restless" fame is one of the most attractive stars on television. He wants women to know there's more to him than meets the eye and says, "I couldn't do it with just looks," in the November Ebony.

"My looks may or may not have helped me get in the door of Hollywood. But my looks have not kept me in Hollywood," says Shemar Moore whose modeling experience caught the eye of the producers from "The Young and The Restless" and brought him to his current status of fame. He recently performed in the HBO movie Butter and says he dreams of getting big screen exposure like Denzel Washington, Samuel L. Jackson and Will Smith. He says, "they bring magic to the screen." Moore works hard at his acting craft and lifts weights four days a week for 90 minutes, boxes one hour three days a week and runs four miles a day four days a week in order to stay in shape. Concerning his rumored romances with Halle Berry, Toni Braxton, and Lela Rochon Moore says, "It's nobody's business."

Moore credits his mother for his success and considers her to be his best friend. "I couldn't do this without her. I love her to death." His mother is Irish-French-Canadian and his father is Black. His name is the result of using the first three letters of each parent's name. "I can't complain about anything. I've been on one incredible journey," says Moore. "My life is good, has been good and the best is yet to come."



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