

Paul Douglas

Paul Andrew Lawrence Douglas was born in Kaitaia but grew up on the outskirts of Hamilton in a town called Matangi. He had what you could describe as a fairly normal childhood filled with the usual bouts of boyhood idiocy and weirdness.

Paul's humour was first recognised and appreciated by his mother's father. They'd listen to the 12th man and generally be clowns together. His father was also instrumental in cultivating his humour by introducing a young Paul to Billy Connolly spurring his interest for story based comedy which still forms a big part of his act. He tried drama at school and loved theatre sports however quit drama due to him and Shakespeare just not being able to 'gel'.

The vast array of jobs Paul has done since leaving school is impressive very random. A camp counsellor in the US , a delivery driver for a now defunct food delivery company that was run by alcoholics and drug addict , a stint as a deputy register at the Ministry of Justice where at one point him and a friend photocopied 50 folders around 30 times each for what was at the time New Zealand's largest insurance fraud case, a ski instructor on Lake Tahoe and a valet parker all the while studying for his Bachelors in Social Sciences majoring in Environmental Planning and a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences majoring in Environmental Planning.

In November 2011 that Paul did his first stand up set at the Classic's raw comedy night expertly drawing on the wealth of all his life experiences so far. He then went on to make the final of the 2012 Raw Comedy Quest at the NZ International Comedy Festival.

Since then he has performed as a trio show called Tron Trinity, with DB Brown and Matt Stellingwerf, and two solo shows 'Misfortune Favours the Drunk' in 2014 and 'The Bullshit has hit the fan' in the 2015 New Zealand International Comedy Festival.

Paul has gone on to have perform alongside nearly every big name in New Zealand Stand-Up and is now a full time Comedian. Although no, he doesn't get much use from his degree he figures he will always be relevant as the Environment will always be getting wrecked!



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