

Tone-X Biography

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Tone-X's detailed road to success has made all the right impressions. Born Anthony Belser, in Wilmington, NC, he has worked diligently to make his mark in the world of comedy permanent. The notches on his belt speak to his performances on Russell Simmon's **Def Comedy Jam**, BET's **Comic View**, P. Diddy's **Bad Boys of Comedy**, and **The Kings of Comedy** tour. His immense talent, genuine soul, and strategic mind have allowed him to penetrate multiple arenas including: stand-up, radio, TV, and sports. Yet, even with his many achievements, his passion has never been greater.

Tone-X first built a name for himself in Charlotte, NC where he became one of the most recognizable and engaging radio personalities on WPEG's Power 98 FM; a position which he held for 12 years. During this time, he also served as the official spokesperson for the Charlotte Bobcats, the former (WNBA) Charlotte Sting, and was a featured host on various FOX on air programs. In 2008, he branched out on an even larger scale as he went on to create and host **Tone-X and Friends**—a comedy show which quickly became a Tuesday night Charlotte hotspot.

His accomplishments catapulted him into a position which brought him to Atlanta and put him center stage in an even brighter spotlight. In 2009, he was pulled on as a writer for The Mo'Nique Show on BET; an experience which made him even more versatile, greatly enhancing his knowledge in the realms of TV and production. And to top it off, he landed a spot on Mo'Nique's national tour.

The time away from his old NC stomping grounds has helped Tone-X to mature as a comedian. Staying true to the idea that, "the funniest material is the truth," he has let audiences in on the new developments in his life, including the birth of his son. And as his family grows, so does he; a fact which can be evidenced in his style. From hip hop comedy to "grown man," Tone-X has elevated in more ways than one. Taking note from his own tagline and personal belief that you should "walk into a room and be celebrated, not tolerated," Tone-X is currently prepping for the release of **The Blue Line**—his sock line which will also feature bowties and pocket squares.

Faithful fans and friends got to relive the Tone-X *experience* first-hand when he returned to Charlotte for a special night of comedy. The show, cleverly titled **Ocean's 46**, doubled as a celebration of his 46th birthday as well as 20 years in comedy. Playing on the Ocean's trilogy theme, Tone-X, in Clooney-esque fashion brought three comedians along on his "heist" to steal the laughter. It was a night to remember for Tone-X, as well. Having remained humble through it all, he considered the show a thank you to all of those who have helped to make him a success.

As his star grows, he continues to pay it forward. Through his involvement in various youth-gearred organizations including **Education Through Talent** and this year's **Hip Hop Caucus Townhall Forum**, he has been able to serve as a mentor both directly and indirectly.

Passing along some of his wisdom and serving as a positive influence is not something that Tone-X takes lightly. He knows that his responsibility is far more complex than to simply make people laugh. He wants to make them *listen*. He has, and he will. For through his gift, he promotes his purpose. And that is what makes comedian, Tone-X, not only great, but necessary.