



**Marty Simpson**  
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www.MartySimpson.com

Height: 6' 3"  
Weight: 230 lbs  
Coat Size: 48 X-Tall

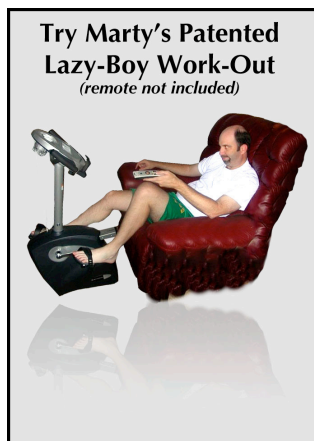
Eyes: Blue  
Shoe Size: 14  
Hair: Brown (where it exists)

How many folks, do you suppose, took their school's football team all the way to the state championship in the fall, and then directed Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* to sell-out crowds in the spring?

We know of at least one. (In 1998.)

Marty simultaneously served as the Head Football Coach and Lead Drama Director at a high school in South Carolina for eight years. Prior to that he was the first South Carolinian ever to be named a *USA Today All-American Football Player*,<sup>1</sup> and he went on to be a stand-out for the *South Carolina Gamecocks*.<sup>2</sup>

Marty knows, **THE CODE**®, which he claims is the secret to "getting along" with black people.<sup>3</sup> It was this fact that caught the attention of B.E.T. (*Evidently, BET knew THE CODE too!*) In March of 2009, Marty was the only caucasian comic featured on the B.E.T. show, **A Time to Laugh**. While filming the show he was the only comic to dance with the host, Grammy Award Winning Star, Vickie Winans. After seeing Marty's set, Vickie felt compelled to dance with Simpson. Some in attendance may have interpreted what she was doing as "teaching," but those of us closer to the situation know better. In addition to appearing as a stand-up comic, Marty also appeared in several sketches.



Marty's act is filled with antics and adventures from his real life. Nothing is off limits. His wife, his kids, his dogs, his style of worship, his coaching days, and his awkward relationships with his African-American friends, all get discussed on stage.

Marty has performed in clubs across America from Atlanta's Uptown Comedy Corner and The Punchline, all the way to Los Angeles' famed Comedy Store. Marty's performance venues include clubs, churches, elderly facilities, children's birthday parties, talent shows, fund-raisers, and he has hosted rock concert events. No event is too large or too small for Marty's style of comedy.

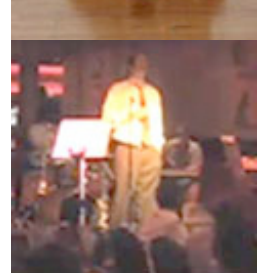
Marty's clean, fun, up-lifting ability to recreate scenes is mixed with just the right amount of bitterness and self deprecation to be an overall hilarious experience for audiences of all ages, races, genders, and species.

#### Footnotes

1. 1990 U.S.A. Today All-American - Marty wasn't a real football player, he was just the kicker. But he was voted the best in the country in 1990 after setting the South Carolina state record with a 61 yard field goal and kicking the walk off winning field goal to win the Class AAAA Division 1 State Championship by a score of 3 to 0.

2. A Gamecock is a rooster that is known for its tenacity...seriously.

3. To white people reading this bio, it is acceptable to use the term "black people" when referring to African-Americans, if while you are using the phrase you are not simultaneously speaking out of the mouth of a racist person.





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**MARTY SIMPSON'S RESUME**

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**STAND UP COMEDIAN, ACTOR, WRITER**

6'4" - 230 lbs | Brown Hair | Bald Top | Blue Eyes | Large Nose

**STAND-UP PERFORMANCES (abbreviated)**

Flappers in Burbank, California  
The Rebirth of Comedy Tour with Akintunde (Georgia Tech First Center, Atlanta Georgia)  
Semi-finalist, Clean Comedy Challenge, Lima, Ohio, 2010 ([www.CleanComedyChallenge.com](http://www.CleanComedyChallenge.com))  
Stand-Up Carolina (Formerly Tequila Mockingbird), Murrell's Inlet, South Carolina  
Uptown Comedy Corner, Atlanta Georgia  
The Comedy House, Columbia, South Carolina  
The Punchline, Atlanta, Georgia  
God Like Entertainment's Christian Comedy Knock-Out, Rock Hill, South Carolina  
Garden Bistro's Vista Comedy Night, Columbia, South Carolina (Hosted for 2 years.)

**CORPORATE COMEDY WORK (abbreviated)**

Wachovia Securities (Now Wells Fargo)  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Westinghouse of South Carolina  
Boy Scouts of America Annual Camporee Event  
Carolina Technology Conference  
Lions Club International

**SPECIAL SKILLS:**

Video Editor, Video Effects Compositor, Web Design, Graphic Design, Poker Player, Juggler (not professional, but well above average), Slight of Hand Card Tricks, Public Speaking, Solve Rubic's Cube in less than 2 minutes (usually), Great Donald Duck Voice too.

**TELEVISION**

BET's *A Time to Laugh* (Taped March of 2009)  
Featured in multiple sketches on BET's *A Time to Laugh* (Taped in March 2009)  
Multiple Local Television appearances in 2009 & 2010 (Seen at [www.martysimpson.com](http://www.martysimpson.com))

**RADIO**

107.5 The Game, Columbia, South Carolina, Regular On Air Guest on Morning Show

**THEATRE (abbreviated)**

Appeared in multiple shows in college 1991-1995 including Zepp in *Beidermann and The Firebugs*  
*We're Not Your Mother Players Improv* 1991-1996 - Trustus Theatre, Columbia South Carolina

**TRAINING**

B.A. in Theatre, Speech, and Dance, University of South Carolina, 1995  
Certified to teach High School Theatre and Speech in South Carolina  
Continuing Education in Drama A.C.S.I. 1996-2002

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING & COACHING EXPERIENCE**

High School Drama Teacher, Ben Lippen School, Columbia, South Carolina (1995-2003)  
Directed and Produced more than a dozen shows while maintaining full Head Varsity Football Coaching duties at the school.  
Took football team to AAA SCISA State Championship Game in 1998  
6 Year coach of NFL Running Back, Samkon Gado (St. Louis Rams, formerly of the Green Bay Packers)  
Subjects taught: Middle School Health, Sex-Ed, High School Drama, Sociology, Middle and High School P.E., and Advanced Weight-Lifting.

**PROFESSIONAL MULTIMEDIA EXPERTISE**

Award Winning and accomplished Web Designer and Video Editor.  
Keynote Speaker at NAB in Las Vegas and Winner of BORIS FX's "How did they do that?" Award in 2006.  
Own and Operate Blue-Eyed Panda LLC, a successful multimedia company in Columbia, South Carolina. (2002-Present)  
[www.BlueEyedPanda.com](http://www.BlueEyedPanda.com)

**OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS**

1st Ever South Carolinian to make USA-Today 1st Team All-American in Football in 1989.  
Full Scholarship Football Player - University of South Carolina Gamecocks - 1990-1995  
South Carolina State Record Field Goal for Distance - 61 Yards - October 1989 - Record stood for 17 years.  
Upon last verification, this was the 9th all time longest high school field goal.  
Leading scorer for the Gamecock football team in 1992.  
Academic All-S.E.C. three years, 1992-1994  
First Gamecock Football Player to ever score points in the S.E.C. (1992 vs Georgia, 2 Field Goals in the 1st Quarter.)



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# MARTY SIMPSON'S REFERENCES

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## Chris Billing - Documentary Film-Maker

Director, *Lost Sparrow*  
1933 S Street NW #E  
Washington DC 20009  
(202) 365-5231  
cbilling@smallhandful.com  
www.lostsparrowmovie.com

Chris Billing is currently filming a documentary about Christian Comedians and featured Marty over the weekend of October 22-24th. He lived with Marty's family for three days as he shot interviews with Marty, his pastor, his wife, and his kids. Chris also filmed 3 different one hour sets.

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## Jackie Marvin - Contact Person

*New Life World Ministries*  
803-479-0019

Marty performed for Ms. Marvin's church in fall of 2010.

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## Lee Haynes - Bishop - Contact Person

*Last Day Healing*  
leeanthonyhaynes@gmail.com  
864-279-1572

Marty performed for Mr. Haynes's church in fall of 2010.

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## Joyce Coleman - Talent Producer

*B.E.T. Network*  
310-702-3732

Joyce was a producer on the show, *A Time to Laugh*. Marty was featured in multiple sketches as well as a stand-up set. Marty was the only caucasian (out of the 30 comics) on the show.

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## Mickey Bowdon

*Columbia International University*  
VP for Christian School Education  
Director, *Lowrie Center for Christian School Education*  
mbowdon@ciu.edu  
803-807-5359 office  
800-777-2227 ext 5359 toll free

Marty has performed for Mickey Bowdon on three different occasions. 2 times for an organized group of school teachers and 1 time for a group of headmasters.

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## Neal Vannoy - Producer - Rebirth of Comedy Tour

*Rebirth of Comedy Tour with Akintunde*  
803-361-4718

Performed in front of Neal at a church event in fall of 2010. After seeing Marty, Neal got Marty booked on the Rebirth of Comedy Tour with Akintunde.

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## Leslie Norris Townsend

*Creator of the Clean Comedy Challenge*  
funnyles@aol.com  
419-852-0950

Marty was a semi-finalist in the Clean Comedy Challenge in 2010.

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## Todd Moody

*Go Church, Myrtle Beach, SC*  
toddmooody2000@yahoo.com  
910-527-2137

Marty performed a show for Todd's church in Myrtle Beach. Todd saw Marty's set at a bar in Myrtle Beach, which later became Stand-up Carolina. Marty was one of the first monthly comedy night performers which helped convert the bar into a full-time comedy club. After seeing Marty's set, Todd, a local pastor, booked him for his church event.

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## Jeremy Letton

*Garden Bistro Owner*  
803-466-0462

Marty started, and currently hosts a monthly show at this venue. From October, 2008, until October, 2010, there were 16 shows.

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## Kukhautusha Croom

*Writer/Producer*  
*BET's A Time to Laugh*  
310-927-0187

K-tusha was a writer/producer for *A Time to Laugh*.

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## Tristan Trenkle

*Associate Producer "Gospel Comic View: A Time To Laugh"*  
*Currently Associate Producer on The Mo'Nique Show*  
404.885.4172 office  
310.595.5594 mobile

Tristan was a producer for B.E.T. on the show "A Time to Laugh."

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## John Davis

*Owner of Carolina Technology Group*  
803-397-6738

Owner of Carolina Technology Group that put on the annual event "Carolina Technology Conference." Marty performed for over 300 I.T. Directors and their staffs at the event.