

Steven Scott comes to Danbury Treehouse

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STEVEN SCOTT TAKES TIME OUT TO SIGN AUTOGRAPHS FOR SOME OF HIS "BIGGEST FANS".

Steven Scott is one of the fortunate few actors/comedians who has been making a living working full-time in his field since shortly after his college graduation.

The stand-up comic, who lives just outside New York City in New Jersey, has a "tasteful brand" of comedy that has allowed him to perform for 15 years in clubs, cruise ships, corporate settings, and on TV shows and in commercials and films.

His dead-on impressions and clever observations have been a hallmark of this 30-something funny man who falls somewhere between Jerry Seinfeld and Jim Carrey on the style spectrum. On Saturday, he performs in Danbury.

Q: Your act involves some impressions. How did you learn to do that?

A: I've always had an ear, and could do different people, sound effects and voices, even as a kid. I still imitate my mom and dad. My teachers used to say, "You're never going to amount to anything making those noises." Well, I did! I always say that I love getting paid now to do exactly what used to get me in trouble as a kid.

Q: You made it to the semifinals of "Star Search" back in 2003. What was that like?

A: I tell you, you get only a minute and a half. You don't realize how short that is to fit some jokes in. You have to make a lot out of that time. And it's live to air, so anything that happens, happens. You have to be sharp. But the whole judging concept I think is kind of silly. The truth is, for a comedian, anytime you can make the audience laugh you win.

Q: Based on the information on your website (www.stevenscott.tv), you've worked with a lot of big names. Who was the most memorable?

A: It's a long list! So many different reasons for different people. But I've been a member of the Friars Club for 15 years, and I had the privilege of roasting Jerry Lewis, who is a legend. That was very affirming. I was honored to be there with people like Robert DeNiro, Martin Scorsese and Nathan Lane. But roasting is a tightrope walk, because you're doing material you've never done. Another memorable moment was meeting Sid Caesar. After seeing me perform, he said, "You've got it, kid." That's something you don't forget.

Q: I read you are a world traveler. What was your favorite destination? What have you missed?

A: I have traveled to all seven continents, including Antarctica. I went there on a cruise ship, and that was special. How many people can say they've been to Antarctica? We were there in February, which is their summer and the only time you can really go. It's cold, but bearable. What have I missed? I once had to miss a trip to Russia; I do hope to get there.

Q: Have you been in Danbury before?

A: Yes, a long time ago, when I started my career. Treehouse was the first gig I ever headlined. It happened one night when the original headliner didn't make the show and I ended up stepping in to do the job. It went well, and I said, 'Oh, I guess I can do this.' It was a nice place to cut my teeth back in the day, so I'm looking forward to being back.

The Treehouse is at the Holiday Inn, 80 Newtown Road, Danbury. Saturday 9 p.m. \$15. 203-702-7577, www.TreehouseComedy.com.