



## Jimmy Tingle

One of the top social and political humorists in America, the Cambridge, MA-born Jimmy Tingle has a career spanning three decades, as a comedian, writer, actor, activist and entrepreneur. He rose up from the Boston comedy boom of the '80s, the scene that spawned Denis Leary, Bobcat Goldthwait and Paula Poundstone.

He worked for two seasons with 60 Minutes II on CBS as the humorist/commentator in the Andy Rooney spot. He has worked as a contributor and satirist for MSNBC and has appeared on The Tonight Show, CNN with Tom Foreman, Larry King Weekend, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, and The American Comedy Awards, as well as his own HBO half-hour comedy special. He has also been a guest on NPR's "Fresh Air" with Terry Gross and appeared regularly on "Heat" with John Hockenberry.

Tingle has produced several comedic and theatrical productions, including Jimmy Tingle's Uncommon Sense at the storied Hasty Pudding Theater at Harvard, which became the longest running one-person show in that theater's history. He also wrote, produced and starred in his first documentary film, Jimmy Tingle's American Dream, which aired on over 60 PBS affiliates and won Best Documentary at the Independent Film Quarterly Film and New Media Festival in Los Angeles in 2011. Other film credits include small roles in Larry David's Clear History, Chris Rock's Head of State, Next Stop, Wonderland and Boondock Saints. He played himself in the International Emmy Award-winning documentary on arts censorship, Dammed in the USA.

Tingle has the rare distinction of winning Boston magazine's "Best of Boston" awards in two different categories. He won as a performer in the "stand-up comedy" category and then the venue he founded in 2002, Jimmy Tingle's OFF BROADWAY, was named "best alternative theater." Tingle was artistic director-producer at the Somerville, Mass. theater through 2007. His newest standup comedy show, "Making Comic Sense of 2013," was recorded as a one hour radio special and is available at PRX.org.

Jimmy Tingle recently returned to school, earning a master's degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where he was selected to give the graduate address at Harvard's 2010 commencement ceremony. Tingle grew up working class and that perspective – coupled with his Catholic background, particularly the social justice side of the faith – continues to be a major influence in his life, politics and worldview. Tingle continues to tour the country, performing in theaters and for colleges, non-profit organizations, private parties and corporate clients.