



## **Spike McGuire** **Biography**

From his humble beginnings in Reno, NV., Spike has always been destined to a life of performance. With torches and machetes in hand he took to the streets at the ripe old age of 14. After a year of developing a strong presence in the community it wasn't long before he took to the road joining the cast of Circus Smirkus, for their 2002 tour of New England. Of course he didn't leave Reno without a bang; his final pre-tour appearance was along side such notables as Ron Lucas, Jeff Hobson and The Raspyni Brothers in Laughing Matters, an all-star variety show at the Pioneer Center for Performing Arts.

After completing the tour he returned home and picked up where he left off, providing the feature entertainment at Circus Circus Hotel/Casino for their New Years Eve celebration, leading a crowd of screaming fans in a count down to 2003. A year that would offer Spike more impressive credits to add to his list including; Ally Oop – Variety in motion at Wingfield Amphitheater, The Cascade of Stars in the Golden Phoenix Hotel/Casino showroom and a spot as the opening act for KC and the Sunshine Band.

With another year of experience under his belt and a diploma from I.C.D.A. Performing Arts high school, Spike took to the road again, this time impressing Californian audiences while providing pre-show entertainment for top names including WAR and The Village People. Being in such close proximity to home he was sure to visit Reno regularly where he could often be found emceeing events at Harrah's Hotel/Casino for the Virg Summer Concert Series introducing national headliners such as Blue Oyster Cult, Survivor, and John Wait.

In the fall of 2004 Spike's wanderlust set in again when he packed his bags for Chicago. Splitting his days between Columbia College (the largest performing arts college in the country) and the magnificent mile (the perfect forum for street performance), he is never a hard man to catch in performance. Whether it be on stage in legitimate theater, or while he is entertaining audiences on the streets with his unique approach to physical comedy, he is always entertaining a public anxious to see what he is going to offer next.

When asked of what is a head Spike borrows a quote from Eric Idle saying "Of the future only one thing is certain, there will be comedy".